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Widow, son of Markish to depart for Israel

LONDON (JCNS) -

The widow and son of the Jewish poet, Peretz Markish, shot 20 years ago in one of Stalin's purges, have received permission to emigrate to Israel, writes the JCNS East Europe correspondent.

Mrs. Esther Markish and her son David, who is a writer in his thirties, had previously had six applications for exit visas rejected. Mother and son will probably leave for Israel next week.

David's wife Irina, who was allowed to emigrate last year, agitated in the U.S. and Britain to bring attention to her family's case.

Peretz Markish, one of Soviet Jewry's best known Yiddish poets, was arrested in 1948 and executed in 1952 during the anti - Semitic purges of Stalin's last years. His name was later rehabilitated together with other Jewish victims of the purges.

Students in Tel Aviv gather in front of the West German Embassy to protest that country's recent release of three Olympic terrorists in exchange for passengers of a hijacked plane. Some sources now believe that the resulting bad feeling in Israel may force West German Chancellor Willi Brandt to cancel a planned visit there. (IPPA)

An angry Israel may cancel invitation to German head

JERUSALEM (JTA-JCNS) -

The scheduled visit to Israel of Chancellor Willi Brandt of West Germany may be postponed or cancelled as a result of Bonn's decision to release the three Munich murderers, it is reliably reported here. The December visit was arranged before the release of the three terrorists.

In Bonn, deputy government spokesman Rudiger von Wechmar rejected Israel's charge that West Germany had surrendered to the hijackers. Von Wechmar said at a news conference that Israel "had missed the point" that 20 lives were at stake.

In Frankfurt, the chairman of Lufthansa, West Germany's national airline, and the pilot of the hijacked plane, took responsibility for the decision to release the three terrorists before the hostages and the plane were freed by the hijackers.

But in Israel, anger is still mounting over what the government claims was an act of abject surrender to murderers. Haim Zadok of the Labor Party, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, told the Knesset that Israelis were revolted to learn that West Germany had publicly thanked Libya for humane treatment of the hijacked Lufthansa passengers who were landed at Tripoli. He also said Israelis were deeply hurt by a West German spokesman's remark that his country was not responsible for the Middle East conflict.

Allan Rose appointed to new post

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Assistant Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress Alan Rose has been appointed to the new post of associate executive director in a move believed to be the first step in a long range shuffle of Congress personnel.

Since his heart attack a year ago, the activities of Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes have been reduced on doctor's orders. Although Hayes' health has improved in recent months, he has limited the number of speaking invitations and conferences.

Alan Rose

Hayes will likely step down as executive vice-president at the next Congress assembly in April 1974. Sources close to Hayes say he is considering acting as CJC advisor and legal consultant at that time. He has been with the organization for 32 years.

Rose, a veteran of the Israeli War of Independence, has been involved in Jewish life both in Europe and Canada and is a former national director of the Zionist Organization of Canada and the United Israel Appeal before moving to his Congress post three years ago.

In addition to his responsibilities in foreign affairs, which includes dealing with the federal government on Jewish concerns, Rose will now take on additional administrative duties for the Congress.

Public debates government right to cancel play on religious theme

By MOSHE RON
(From our Tel Aviv Bureau)

TEL AVIV -

Has the state the right to cancel a theatrical performance because its contents might offend the religious feelings or spiritual values of a part of the population?

The public debate on this question involves a play by the Israeli humorist, Amos Keenan, entitled **Friends talk about Jesus**, which was cancelled for public performance by the Council for Cinema and Theatre Critics. Keenan has appealed to the High Court of Justice against this decision. The Court advised the Council to point out to Keenan those parts in his play which might offend the feelings of a section of the population.

The well-known theatre critic of **Ma'ariv**, Nahman Ben-Ami, wrote about this dispute after seeing the performance at a special closed showing for writers and artists at the Zavta Club which was established by leftist circles of Mapam.

"If I had not known that this piece was the work of the Israeli journalist and writer Amos Keenan I would have thought it a paranoid creation, born in the head of a lunatic, who is a masochist who hates himself and everyone else and wishes to destroy everything," Ben-Ami wrote in his review.

Ben-Ami said that the writer did not intend creating a theatrical piece but political - social propaganda, and director, David Bergman, has made a theatrical performance of it. It shows how the young Jesus is sacrificed on the cross by foul murderers.

"He wants to create an analogy with Jewish youth, murdered by the Israeli Establishment," he wrote.

There is one victim, the figure of Jesus, who represents the Arab victim and there is the Jew who murders, who really represents the State of Israel and its army. "Anyone who does not say this frankly and clearly after seeing this performance, is either a liar or wishes to mislead others," Ben-Ami said.

Two of the characters in the play are widows of Israeli solders who were killed in the war against the Arabs. The two widows visit the graves of their dead husbands and after weeping, talk to each other about their sexual satisfactions.

It is characteristic of democracy in Israel that Amos Keenan had received a special scholarship from the cultural council of the ministry for culture, which is awarded to writers. Now the Council appeals to the High Court of Justice for the cancellation of performances of this play.

The Dean of the faculty for art and theatre at Tel Aviv University, Prof. Moshe Lazar, said the production is in the framework of modern theatrical pieces which have been performed during the last years on stages all over the world, even in Communist countries of Eastern Europe "and there is nothing extraordinary to it." This performance would not have been cancelled in any democratic country in the world.

Must serve community

Synagogue accused of 'club' mentality by Toronto rabbi

TORONTO -

The synagogue must cease to function as a private club and its service station ideology must be abandoned in favor of moving out into the community, a leading Toronto rabbi said here this week.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, told communal leaders attending the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, that the role of the synagogue needs to be redefined, particularly in its relationship with the community at large.

"The synagogue, though organized by a group of private individuals, must now begin to see itself essentially as a communal institution and consequently must structure its services toward the whole community," Rabbi Plaut said.

The synagogue must do what the rabbi has already done, namely, go out to where the people are. To do so, asserted Rabbi Plaut, this called for a total restructuring of its activities and outlook.

He was critical of synagogue budgets and organizational charts with its emphasis on a multitude of committees, observing, "I have yet to see a congregation that has restructured itself to such a degree that by its organization it makes clear that it is ready to go out into the community and serve where service is necessary; that instead of being a service station it will be a service agent."

Every synagogue ought to have a department of family relations in recognition of the fact that "our family life is in deep trouble." And the synagogue must revise its thinking in dealing with young people.

Said Rabbi Plaut: "If, in fact, the synagogue has been a club serving primarily its own membership, then the conclusion was inevitable that support of the club was not the concern of the community. This will have to be reviewed."

The rabbi predicted that in the next decade, the synagogue can provide the chief ground for broad experimentation in community co-operation. He saw this co-operation leading to the strengthening of both federation and the synagogue, with the latter having to orient a significant portion of its activities away from self-limited "club" activities.

"The time when the federation could occasionally turn to rabbis and to the synagogue for particular and limited uses must now give way to a planned program of interaction," Rabbi Plaut declared.

He said that after a generation of social justice indoctrination, many rabbis have come to the conclusion that the fight for civil rights and oblique participation in political activities are a legitimate and even necessary adjunct of prophetic

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Projects to upgrade quality of Jewish life find approval

TORONTO -

A number of far-reaching projects which may affect the future of North American Jewish life have been approved by the Institute of Jewish Life, its director reported this week to the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Prof. Leon Jick, the director, admitted that institute officials "don't anticipate that North American Jewish life can be transformed but we are confident that a significant impact can be made in upgrading the quality of Jewish life."

The institute, set up a year ago, is funded by all CJF affiliate federations, including the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Among the projects approved by the board are:

- a talent search to bring qualified new people into the leadership positions in education;
- an academic program for high school students in Israel and a model afternoon school program;
- training of leaders of family retreats and institutions and the preparation of models and materials for home celebration;
- preparation of leadership institutes involving a number of pilot projects in national organizations and local communities;
- training programs for professionals in Jewish education;
- preparation of a pilot program for involving college students in a year of service to the Jewish community;
- development of a syndicated magazine supplement for the English Jewish press;
- the award of an incentive grant to a national Jewish theatre to be established by a group of young professionals;
- establishment in Israel of a high school program for North American students, and institutes for adults as well as college students.

Proposals under consideration include "a university without walls" and the establishment of a national media centre, said Jick, a Brandeis professor.

Accomplishments of the task of upgrading the quality of Jewish life is the responsibility of the total American Jewish community, he emphasized.

"The Institute for Jewish Life can serve as a stimulus but the task must be undertaken by the total community with iniatives in and out of existing structures."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto, is one of the members of the institute's 73-man board.

Nearly 2,000 delegates are attending the CJF convention at the Royal York Hotel.

Yitzhak Rabin

Delivers key address

TORONTO -

Jewish communal action at home and abroad on issues of survival, was the theme of a major address delivered by Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the United States, to the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The ambassador addressed 1,800 delegates at the Royal York Hotel where tight security was enforced.

Rabin was given a warm reception by the communal leaders, the largest number ever to participate in a CJF Assembly. The ambassador, who participated in a candle - lighting ceremony commemorating Israel's 25th anniversary, outlined the situation in the Middle East and told of Israel's position in the light of changing needs and today's special climate of concerns.

Jewish community thrives in fruit belt town

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

BEAMSVILLE -

This town of 3,500 is the unlikely setting of a tiny but thriving Jewish community complete with synagogue, cantor, Hebrew school and Hadassah chapter. It's situated six miles east of St. Catharines in the heart of Ontario's fruit belt.

"I guess we're the smallest congregation in Canada," says Beamsville chicken farmer John Furedi, secretary of the Lincoln County Jewish Congregation.

"The whole Beamsville Jewish community started off with the Hungarian Revolution in 1956," says Furedi, who came to Canada from Hungary in 1957.

Like Furedi, Jewish immigrants from Hungary were given low interest loans from the Baron Hirsch foundation to buy the land for the fruit and chicken farms they now own in and around Beamsville.

When the congregation was established in 1966, there were 35 to 40 families involved. But times have changed and now all but 15 of the families have been lured to Toronto.

The ones that have stayed, though, have been busy buying an old, little red school house for a synagogue, finding a religious advisor and a cantor and establishing a Hebrew school and an award-winning Hadassah chapter.

"We don't have to hire a rabbi. We don't have to hire a cantor and we don't have to find someone to blow the shofar," says the 47-year-old Furedi. "We do everything ourselves."

Furedi says that, although surrounding cities have made little effort to aid his community, Rabbi Morton Green of Hamilton, who acts as the congregation's unpaid religious advisor, has been of immeasurable help.

"If we need advice on any problem, we don't have to hesitate to call him. We can phone him in the middle of the night.

"Rabbi Green's congregation was the first to give us a hand when no one else wanted to help us," he says.

Vineland farmer Mike Sipos agrees with Furedi that while not all of the congregation's members are Orthodox, the services are.

Says Sipos, who blows the shofar at High Holiday services, "We can't call ourselves Orthodox because we sit in the car when we go to shul, but the services are Orthodox."

As in any other congregation, fund-raising plays a major role in Beamsville.

The Lincoln County Congregation donated $4,000 to Israel during the Six Day War, and $2,000 to an expansion project for the local hospital.

This year, after the High Holidays, the 15 men in the congregation donated $100 each to Israel.

According to Furedi, no one in Beamsville knew which agency was responsible for collecting donations outside of Toronto so they turned the money over to the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto, which passed it on to the United Israel Appeal.

Furedi points proudly to the awards won by the local Hadassah chapter of which his wife Fanni is vice president, and to the success of the Hebrew school which holds classes every Sunday. But he is proudest of the good relations between the Christian and Jewish communities in Beamsville.

A Christian insurance agent donates the synagogue's insurance each year and gestures such as the sympathetic letter to the congregation from the head of the separate school board at the time of the Munich tragedy are common, according to Furedi.

For Furedi, a trained optician who describes himself as a "city boy" originally, a pet peeve is the condescending attitude of many city dwellers to farmers.

But he says he is not the least envious of their faster-paced urban life style.

"I get just as much," he says, "out of this small community as anyone in Barrie, Hamilton or Toronto gets out of theirs."

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Weizmann head is guest speaker at Society dinner

TORONTO –

Abraham Feinberg, New York banker and business leader who a year ago was elected chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, will be the guest speaker at the 1972 Toronto Weizmann Dinner, sponsored by the Canadian Society for the W.I.S. and chaired by James F. Kay, president of Dylex Ltd. It will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Inn on the Park.

Abraham Feinberg

For two decades Abraham Feinberg was the president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science. He, his brother and sister established the Feinberg Graduate School at the institute which grants M. Sc. and Ph. D. degrees in the natural sciences and has an enrolment of some 500 students. Approximately 15% of them are from abroad, including some from Canada.

Back in 1950, in Jerusalem, he moved the resolution which created the Israel Bond drive, and for 15 years he served as the world president of the Israel Bond Organization.

His leadership in the economic field, both in the U.S. and in Israel has made him one of the outstanding figures in contemporary Jewish Life throughout the world.

The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science has been able to provide substantial support to the Institute by a number of large donations from individuals and by a group of loyal members of the "Weizmann Family".

The Lester B. Pearson Chair of Protein Research, the Samuel and Ayala Zacks Chair of Geophysics, The Henry and Bertha Benson Chair of Pure Mathematics and the Lady Davis Chair in Experimental Physics, are four examples of Canadian major participation.

The most ambitious project is the establishment of the Candian Centre of Nuclear Physics which in its first stage was made possible by a large gift from Murray B. Koffler, national president of the Canadian Society.

The most recent gift and project comes from James F. Kay and his parents who endowed a perpetual Research Fellowship at the Weizmann Institute. Their committment is being matched by 100 Graduate Scholarships being subscribed by the Canadian followers of the Weizmann Institute.

Allon calls for probe of Dayan

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon has asked Attorney General Meir Shamgar to look into charges that Defence Minister Moshe Dayan illegally exported items from his personal collection of antiquities to the United States for sale to wealthy Jews.

Israeli law stipulates that no antiquities may be shipped abroad without the written approval of the government's Antiquities Department. Allon, who is also minister of education and culture, heads the antiquities department.

According to Amnon Dunkner, a spokesman for Allon, the deputy premier acted on a complaint by Mordechai Warshavsky, legal advisor to the Tel Aviv Municipality and a member of the Israel-American Cultural Foundation.

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The 30th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will be observed during the month of April 1973. This desperate revolt is the most profound expression of the Jewish People's spirit and bravery and shall forever symbolize our continuous struggle against tyranny and persecution.

This anniversary must be a time for the world to remember the indomitable courage and heroism of all those who took up arms against the Nazi German henchmen and their willing accomplices in defense of Jewish lives and dignity; and to remember with humility the millions of our martyrs who perished in the greatest catastrophe of our history.

We, the surviving witnesses who are branded by the mark of Bergen-Belsen, Treblinka and Auschwitz, of the Warsaw Ghetto and Babi Yar must now renew our determination to continue bearing the torch of remembrance of the Holocaust and its legacy – for our sake, for our children's, for the Jewish People, for Israel and for all humanity.

REMEMBER all those who so bravely faced death in passive defiance and in armed resistance throughout the ghettos, the concentration camps, the fields and forests of Nazi occupied Europe;

REMEMBER their agony and anguish, their grief, their tears;

REMEMBER their outcries for help – ignored by a silent and indifferent world;

REMEMBER their loneliness, their isolation;

REMEMBER the gas chambers, the blazing furnaces, the infinity of mass graves;

AND REMEMBER all those who have given their lives for the independence and survival of the State of Israel, driven by their pledge: "No more Auschwitz, no more Treblinka, no more Bergen Belsen!"

There are many kinds of memorials and monuments, but there is none more lasting than the memorials of spirit, erected to our martyrs and heroes in the creative works of men of arts and letters. Thus, in commemoration of the forthcoming 30th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and the ensuing 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi Death Camps – the World Federation of the Bergen Belsen Survivors' Associations, announces the following memorial projects:

1. A definitive, comprehensive history of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, representing a major research project currently in process, by a group of eminent historians at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A similar study on Armed Jewish Resistance against the Nazis in Eastern Europe has recently been completed. Both studies will be duly published in several languages.
2. Ten Remembrance Awards for excellence and distinction in the literature of the Holocaust, of $2500 – each, will be awarded. The winning authors, of published or unpublished works, will be selected by the International Jury of the Remembrance Award and the World Federation of the Bergen-Belsen Associations.
3. Two special Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Awards of $5000 – each will be granted for the best creative works – fiction, poetry, history, memoir or essay, art or music – dealing with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and Jewish resistance to the Nazis in all its forms, in order to recognize and encourage such endeavors.
4. A series of new books in several languages dealing with the experience of the Holocaust, will be published by the Bergen-Belsen Memorial Press.
5. A major International Conference on Holocaust Studies with the participation of fifty scholars in the fields of history, sociology, philosophy and literature will be held at the University of London in 1974, under joint auspices with the Hebrew University and the Remembrance Award Literary Jury.
6. A series of major commemorative events will be held throughout the world. We urge mass participation in these events as a sign of identification with the memory of our martyrs and heroes and in rededication to the spirit of remembrance. A Special Commemoration, under the auspices of the World Federation of the Bergen Belsen-Associations, will be held in New York City on the Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Similar events will be held by all our branches in the U.S., Canada and Israel.

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Josef Rosensaft, President

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

SHOPPERS' DELIGHT

The Pioneer Women of Toronto are having their annual bazaar and auction sale on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to midnight at St. Lawrence Market. In addition to the book fair, record bar, home-made goods, hand-made gift items and the auction (which begins at 7 p.m.), there will be a booth manned by the residents of Baycrest Centre who will be displaying and selling their handicrafts. Each admission ticket includes a chance on a lottery prize of $1,500. All proceeds are in aid of institutions for women and children in Israel operated by Moetzet Hapoalot, part of the Histadrut.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

Harold Dessen, chairman of the advisory committee set up by the central region of Congress to deal with the Hebrew Christian missionary activities in Toronto, reports that two field workers will be employed to work in the Toronto area. Their responsibilities, co-ordinated through the Lubavitcher movement and P'eylim of Canada, will include home visits, establishing a one-to-one relationship with youth who have been contacted by these missionaries and outlining programs for Jewish community organizations. Assisting them will be a steering committee consisting of Gordon Marantz, Steven Ain and David Sadowski, Congress director of youth activities.

A SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE

One of the ways of identifying with the resistance of Soviet Jews is to wear a **Let My People Go** Mogen David medallion. On the face side "Let My People Go" is written in Hebrew and English. On the reverse side is the name of a Soviet Jewish prisoner. These medallions are available in gold or silver plated metal on a link chain and may be obtained through the Women for Soviet Jewry committee by contacting the Congress office in Toronto. The committee also has available up-to-date lists of names of people in the Soviet Union who request to be contacted by mail, telephone and other means and of those in need of financial assistance.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Further Toronto Jewish Book Month observances - **The Works of Professor Isaiah Rabinowitz,** a lecture by Morris Wittenberg, sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance, on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m. at their centre, 14 Viewmount Ave.; **The Last Chapter of a Thousand Years History of Jewish Life in Poland,** a lecture in Yiddish by S. L. Schneiderman of New York, sponsored by the Yiddish Culture Council on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W.; **Jewish Writers Today,** a lecture by Julius Hayman, sponsored by Pride of Israel Temple, Lissom Cres., Willowdale, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 9 p.m.

EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

Rabbi Karpol-Bender, director of Bar Ilan University's office of Diaspora affairs, will deliver a lecture on **Problems of Higher Education in Israel** on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 12 noon, at the Zionist Centre, Marlee Ave. The lecture is sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Keren Hatarbut Institute and the Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University.

SONG AND LAUGHTER

You are invited to an evening of **The Sights and Sounds of Israel** on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 9 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, Southbourne Ave., Downsview. The show features the Amrani brothers, Israeli folksingers, who appeared in the Shalom '72 revue that toured American college campuses. Shalom '72 was sponsored by the Israel Government Tourist Office which is also presenting the Toronto concert in conjunction with El Al Airlines and the Aufgang Trave Bureau. There is no admission charge.

ORT TEA AND FASHIONS

Toronto Women's ORT, Jaffa chapter, is holding their annual sherry tea on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the home of Mrs. H. Mogil, 108 Richview Ave., from 1-5 p.m. Guest of honor is to be Israeli student Chaim Cohen who is an ORT scholarship recipient. There will also be a first showing of Israeli fashions designed and made by ORT students.

HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

A Yad Vashem Holocaust exhibit, a 32 panel photographic display depicting the Holocaust in Europe, is currently at Hillel House, St. George St., to run through to Nov. 18. The following day it will be at Ross Humanities Bldg. at York University until Nov. 25.

A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION

After a campaign modelled on a federal campaign - complete with campaign managers, posters and speeches - the pupils of the elementary division (grades 4, 5 & 6) of the United Synagogue Day School's main centre on Bathurst St., recently elected their student council. The winners - president, Tova Goldberg; vice-presidents, Mark Weller and Hillel Reichen; secretary, Lili Tanz; and assistant secretary, Mark Rubin.

For first time, Bonds' women hold functions

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO -

Women's Lib is "in" as far as Toronto's State of Israel Bonds drive is concerned. Or so it would appear from the campaign plans set forth by this year's women's division chairman, Carol Epstein.

Women have been Bonds subscribers for years but this is the first time that women's organizations will be having functions of their own. Luncheons, dinners, receptions are already on the agenda for Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, Pioneer Women, Mizrachi - Hapoel Hamizrachi Women and the Ontario Branch of the National Women's League (Conservative Sisterhoods).

Another first is a special appeal to the younger women in the community, those who are perhaps involved in other areas - the arts or the ballet - who have never before been Bonds purchasers. A sherry-in-the-afternoon gathering was held this week at the home of Ayala Zacks with Avraham Ashkenazi of Hebrew University as special guest.

Carol Epstein

Also counted among this year's "firsts" is the women's division chairman herself! Personally involved in projects in Israel and a behind - the - scenes community worker up to now, this is Mrs. Epstein's first thrust in a leadership role.

The dark haired mother of three teenagers is the wife of Toronto allergist Dr. Norman Epstein. Dr. Epstein is president of the Israel Medical Association in Canada and as such is much concerned with several medical projects there.

For the Epsteins, Israel is a family affair. They travel back and forth at least twice a year with their three children.

Mrs. Epstein finds that her official duties as chairman of the women's division fit very nicely into her busy family schedule. And making speeches about Israel is a spontaneous matter for her.

"I feel personally privileged because of our frequent visits to Israel" she said. "I always come back with some new and exciting project to talk about."

One of the exciting dates that women Bonds purchasers have to look forward to is the Israeli fashion show on Nov. 23 at the New Murray House. At that time an Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award will be presented to Betty Zweig for her outstanding achievement and constant support of the State of Israel Bonds.

And of course the Bonds drive culminates with the Chanukah Festival on Dec. 17.

Newsmakers in the spotlight

The Honorable ZVI BROSH

MAX SHECTER

DAVID ANISMAN

Among leading personalities from Israel and the local community who will be making Bond news in the coming week is THE HONORABLE ZVI BROSH, one of Israel's leading diplomats currently serving as Minister of Information of the State of Israel at the Embassy of Israel in Washington. Mr. Brosh will fly to Toronto on Sunday, November 19th, to deliver the major address at the "International Inter-Faith Testimonial Dinner" honoring Nathan Starr, of Beth Sholom Synagogue, sponsored by Acklands Limited on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

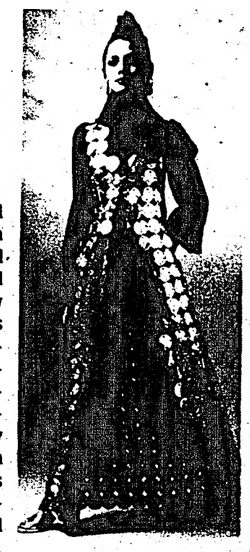
MAX SHECTER, Past General Campaign Chairman for Israel Bonds, and one of Canadian B'nai B'rith's foremost leaders, will be guest of honor at a Reception on Wednesday, November 15th hosted by Max Zuchter at the Primrose Club, as an advance Bond sales effort for the Upper Canada Lodge Award Dinner taking place on December 9th.

DAVID ANISMAN will be Reception Host at his home on Thursday November 16th, in honor of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue 1972 Award recipient Harry A. Lerman. The Award Dinner will take place on November 18th, with Mr. Ira Hirschmann, U.S. diplomatic envoy and Middle East expert as guest speaker.

Bonds are 'in', state fashion industry leaders

Excitement is mounting in fashion industry circles these days, as the countdown begins for the November 12th "Women's Apparel and Fashion Industry Award Dinner" honoring Manny Kimel. Two advance meetings, on October 31st and November 1st hosted by Jack Kimel, Tribute Committee Chairman, and Harry Ralston, business colleague, have resulted in significant Bond sales to friends and associates of the Award recipient, and high optimism that the $250,000 target set for the Dinner will be realized. Seen here, left to right: Manny Kimel, Abby Beker, President, Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers Guild Inc.; Dr. Arieh Plotkin, guest speaker; Jack Kimel, and Sam Brenman, Chairman of the Fashion Industry Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto.

From Israel with love



Toronto women will soon be treated to a fashion extravaganza exceeding anything seen here before at the annual "Israel Fashion Festival Luncheon" presentations of the Israel Bond Women's Division. It's Israel's fashion-designers' 25th Anniversary salute to the women of Toronto whose regular Bond purchases over the past two decades have channeled vital funds into Israel's economic development programs. Mrs. Donald Lipman, Golden Trustee will be chairman of the Fashion Festival Luncheon being held on Thursday, November 23rd at twelve noon at the New Murray House, with Miss Joan Sutton, fashion authority and columnist of the Toronto Sun as guest commentator. Co-ordination and accessories are provided by Creeds Furs Ltd. Women purchasers of Israel Bonds in 1972 from a $250 minimum are eligible to attend the gala fashion luncheon.

Quebec legislation
New law explained

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

The formation of three 'campuses' for the islands ethnic minorities may well be the government's mechanism to protect language and religious social services with the implementation of Chapter 48, said Dr. James Norris, executive director of the Federated Catholic Community Services.

Dr. Norris made his remarks as a member of a panel at the Saidye Bronfman Centre last week where the question of ethnic social services in view of Quebec's new health and welfare law was discussed.

During the last year, the large ethnic agencies have argued that the new law is not sensitive to the particular needs of these agencies on the island. With the introduction of French-Catholic, English-Catholic, and Jewish 'campuses', Dr. Norris believes the law will now satisfy the qualms originally expressed.

"However, the government is defining our role for us," he said, "and they have decided to get out of the field of camping and leisure. We don't quite know what else is to follow."

He added that he hoped there would be more co-ordination from Quebec.

Questioning the future role of the volunteer, he asked "where is the motivation going to come from?" Dr. Norris said he was fearful that "our army is going to dwindle."

"Since our role is tied directly into government financing, will the volunteer participate unless he has real power?"

The executive director said agencies may have more difficulty in raising funds in the future as people may resist contributing under the belief that their taxes are too high already, and directed to social services through the government.

Another panalist, Prof. Davis Woodsworth of the McGill School of Social Work believes the law will have a positive effect on professional social workers.

"They will be able to make their professional abilities available across the board," he said, "and reduce specialization, because people usually need more than just one type of service."

He hoped that "allegiance" to the three main campuses would not become a problem "as it goes against the main purpose of the act and people mustn't be too concerned with their specific campus."

Lawyer E. Michael Berger, chairman of the Allied Jewish Community Services' social legislation committee, said particular ethnic groups have nothing to fear with the law. He said the government is only interested in the quality of health services.

Berger emphasized that it will be up to the community to maintain that quality as well, and that citizen participation at public meetings will be more important than ever before.

"The law is not rigid. The government has said let's try it for a year and see how it works. We're flexible, if changes are needed, then we'll make them," he added.

. . . about people

Renee Rosen

Toronto-born opera star **Renee Rosen** who received kudos for her role as Rosina in the Winnipeg production of **The Barber of Seville** last January, left for Europe a week ago. She will be studying there for at least a year under the auspices of a Canada Council grant. The 25-year-old mezzo-coloratura, most recently seen on the CBC weekly **Music To See** program, is heading for London first where she plans to study with voice coaches associated with Covent Garden. After that she hopes to arrange to work with opera companies in other European cities.

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"The Taj Mahal is even more beautiful than everyone says, especially when seen under the full moon - and in India, October is the best moon month of the whole year," reports **Frances Hashmall,** just returned from a three-week tour of India. In addition to the four days in Agra, the site of the famous shrine, and a visit to Bombay, Mrs. Hashmall spent some time in Delhi and attended Friday evening Sabbath services there. She says that the congregation consists of 30 Jewish families and the service was conducted in the Sephardic tradition.

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The **Samuel J. Zacks** Gallery at York University, originally the Stong College of Art Gallery until it was renamed for the late art collector last week, opened with a three-week exhibition of art works done by Mr. Zacks himself, whose interest in the arts included painting as a hobby.

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Jacob D. Geller, past president of the Windsor Jewish Community Council, adds the Greater Windsor Foundation's Award to the many other awards he has received for community service. The presentation was made at a banquet in Cleary Auditorium Thursday. Mr. Geller, who headed the Windsor News Co. until his retirement two years ago, is a lifetime chairman of the Israel Bond campaign, a many times chairman of the UJA, and is presently chairman of the social planning committee and budget committees of the United Community Services in Windsor.

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Montreal's **Freda Sohmer** was elected to a three-year term as president of Pioneer Women of Canada at their recent triennial convention in Winnipeg. She succeeds **Ruth Wolfish** of Toronto. And incidentally there is another Pioneer Women president in the Sohmer family - Mrs. Sohmer's daughter, **Marilyn Myers,** heads up Club Dayan, a group of young Pioneer Women in Toronto.

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World Zionist Organization executive **Allen Pollack** is in Toronto this Friday, Nov. 10, to address a gathering of the Labor Zionist movement. A member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency as well as teaching Russian history at Yeshiva University, Professor Pollack will be speaking on **Labor Zionism-Fact or Fiction.** The lecture is at 8:30 p.m. at the centre on Viewmount Ave.

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Leading the GO-Spadina Citizen's Action Group was a good training ground for **Esther Shiner.** She has entered North York's ward 4 aldermanic race. And if elected, Mrs. Shiner, mother of four, becomes North York Council's first woman member.

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Sydney M. Harris, J. B. Salsberg, and **Danny Gottlieb** will be representing the central region on the newly formed Joint National Committee on Soviet Jewry which is co-sponsored by Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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Desire for Canadian unity motivated election voting

There is renewed hope for federalism in the strange results of the federal election which saw the Conservatives win only two seats in Quebec, while gaining a majority in the rest of the country.

For some, this discrepancy in voting behavior suggested a polarity between French and English Canada, re-emphasizing the distance between the two cultures - a decision by English Canada to slam the door on its French-speaking partner.

For others, the preference of the Quebec voter for the Liberal party meant that French Canadians were voting with the rest of Canada.

Given that federalism versus separatism was the most compelling issue for French Canada in the recent election, French-speaking voters gave their confidence to Pierre Elliot Trudeau, the man who, in their view, best represented enlightened federalism.

In doing so, they expressed their wish to continue working with other Canadians. Trudeau and the Liberal party represented an opportunity for a new educated generation to play an active leadership role in government and business both in Quebec and beyond its borders.

And what of the English? Did anti-Quebec and anti-French sentiment play an important part in the severe losses suffered by the Liberal party outside Quebec?

Was the Liberal failure the result of an Anglophone backlash to the government's policy on bilingualism, and increased French influence on the federal level? Did Torontonians so resent federal spending in Montreal that they voted against Liberal members?

To those of us on the scene in the heart of English Canada the answer is a resounding no!

The relationship to French Canada was not a priority issue in Toronto. Instead, unemployment, inflation, Canadian independence, taxation, immigration policies and a host of other issues swayed the voters.

Four years ago, many Canadians voted for Trudeau and the Liberals in the conscious hope that a French-Canadian prime minister could best frustrate the threat of separatism. Four years later, believing that the separatist tide had receded, they had no compunction in voting against Trudeau because of their concern with other issues.

The next period of minority government may prove both exciting and difficult. The absence of Conservative MPs in Quebec and the paucity of Liberals in most of the other provinces may tempt political leaders to play dangerous games.

The Liberals might attempt to reinforce their hold on French-Canadian voters by raising anxieties regarding the "isolation" of Quebec. Conservatives in turn might seek to curb French-Canadian influence in Ottawa. Either approach would be tragic in its consequences.

Both English and French Canadians voted emphatically for a united Canada. Both voted overwhelmingly for parties that advocated federalism, both were committed to strengthening bilingualism and increasing participation by Quebecois in the federal service. The peculiarities of the election results should not be exploited to suggest the opposite.

Good news and bad exemplifies inconsistency of Soviet policy

Consistency, as we in the Western world understand the term, is not a Russian virtue and the latest example of puzzling Kremlin behavior is just one more proof of this fact.

First, the good news. An Associated Press story from Moscow this week told of 200 Jewish families receiving permission to emigrate to Israel without having to pay head tax. No reason for this apparent change of heart was given, though there was faint indication that a recent trade agreement between the U.S. and Russia might have had something to do with it. Whatever the reason, any relaxation of the harsh head tax law brings an uplifting of our spirits.

Now the bad news. When one reads about it, there is a nightmarish familiarity, a feeling that the black history of Russian anti-Semitism under the Czars is being replayed. The American Jewish Committee in New York, the nation's pioneer human relations body, says the Soviet Union is intensifying publication of anti-Semitic materials aimed at foreign readers.

Specifically, the AJC directs attention to an article published in French and circulated in France, in an issue of the **Soviet Information Bulletin**. The article repeats long-discredited anti-Semitic libels. One is that the Shulchan Aruch, the Hebrew religion's rules of behavior, calls on Jews to take over the world and in the process massacre all non-Jews who were to be considered non-human.

Under the guise of attacking Zionism, the Russian government is deliberately embarking on an anti-Jewish campaign. The article in the **Soviet Information Bulletin** is an invitation to pogroms. Kill the Jews before they kill you. David Geller, director of European Affairs for the AJC, believes the defamatory article is only one aspect of a new Soviet campaign to discourage Jews from applying for emigration visas. He points to the growing campaign of revilement against Jews who seek to leave Russia, in Soviet newspapers and magazines, as proof of this view.

There is no doubt that the ransom blackmail tactic, the firing of professional Russian Jews from their posts, the imprisonment of Jews in mental institutions and other kinds of persecution, are all part of a policy aimed at deterring Jews from applying for exit visas. This repressive policy is not only failing, it is evoking criticism from nations around the globe.

So we have good news and bad; the unexplained decision to permit 200 families to emigrated without paying ransom, and the stepped-up campaign of vicious propaganda aimed at inciting violence against Jews. The freeing of 200 families from blackmail may be nothing more than a token gesture by Soviet officialdom to appease its critics abroad. It will take a much larger act of appeasement to convince us that there has been any change of heart, especially when the Soviet Union is putting into 20th century guise the religious hatred practised against Jews in the days of imperial Russia.

Turn of the political tide often vanquishes good men

The fortunes of political warfare often send good men down to defeat for no other reason than the public's desire to effect a change. Robert Kaplan, who defeated Dalton Camp in 1968, after a spectacular campaign was an excellent member of parliament, conscientious, highly motivated and assidious in his parliamentary duties.

Mr. Kaplan's defeat at the hands of his Conservative opponent, Jim Gillies, was not entirely unexpected. The tide of public sentiment was running against the Trudeau Government and Mr. Kaplan shared the fate which befell many other good representatives. His record in and out of the House of Commons marked him as decidedly above the average and his defeat was in no sense a personal one.

The victor in Don Valley is a capable replacement for the defeated Liberal. Mr. Gillies showed himself to be a tough campaigner and his credentials would lead us to expect he will do well in politics.

As for Mr. Kaplan, he is young and has lots of years in which to rebuild his interrupted political career. He developed a keen attachment to federal politics during his four years at Ottawa, so much so, that when he was approached last week following the election and asked whether he would consider becoming a candidate for the provincial Liberal leadership, he declined with thanks. Federal politics, he said, was where his interest lay. We will hear more of this young man.

King Hussein of Jordan and Moshe Dayan "meet" in window of Arab shop in East Jerusalem.

Merit system erosion upsets American Jews

By RAPHAEL ROTHSTEIN

NEW YORK (JCNS) -

The tendency to favor such minority applicants as blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans, especially in college faculty recruitment, has become a source of deep concern to American Jews who see an erosion of the merit system in which they excelled.

Jews, who in the past were discriminated against by the application of exclusive quotas, are alarmed over a latitude for favoritism displayed by the Federal Government and State and city agencies.

Recently, six national Jewish organizations called on U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Elliot Richardson to investigate and correct "dangerous trends" in college admissions and faculty hiring resulting from "misinterpretation and misapplication of HEW 'affirmative action' programs."

The organizations, which comprise what is generally known as the American Jewish Liberal Establishment-American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labour Committee - plus Agudath Yisrael and the Jewish War Veterans, have released a report documenting 33 instances of distorted 'affirmative action' acts taken to reduce inequality of minority groups.

The cases describe how qualified white applicants were often rejected by universities because they were not black or female or members of some other minority group and cite numerous instances when directives were circulated instructing department chairman and hiring officials to seek proportional racial balance.

One letter quoted was allegedly written by the Dean of a faculty at a California college stating that the goal for the 1972-1973 graduate class was one-third black, one-third Mexican-American, one-tenth other minorities and the remainder Caucasian students.

Quotas based on proportional representation are particularly worrying to Jews since they form only 2 to 3 per cent of the total population, whereas blacks constitute 10 per cent. The tendency towards proportional representation in colleges is disturbing to Jews because 85 per cent of American-Jewish secondary school graduates go on to college and higher studies.

The experience of Jews in large cities, where black extremists have sought to promote anti-Semitism by depicting the Jews as the obstacles to Negro advancement in the educational and civil service system, has further aggravated the controversy over preferential quotas.

Jews who have traditionally supported civil rights and other liberal causes are finding themselves locked in a collision course with angry minorities who feel their time has come and who are not adverse to actions that often violate Jewish rights and the Constitution, which guarantees individual, not group rights.

Concerned over the misapplication of the HEW's affirmative action programs and Senator George McGovern's promise to black leaders that he will give blacks 10 per cent of the Federal and patronage posts if he is elected President, Philip Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, wrote to both President Nixon and Senator McGovern expressing misgivings over the drift towards quotas, which he termed a "new form of discrimination."

President Nixon replied that he had ordered every department in the Federal Government to review department policies and practices. McGovern, in his reply and in subsequent appearances before rabbinic groups, also rejected quotas and endorsed affirmative action based on qualification and merit. He did not, however, repudiate the pledge he had made to his black supporters.

The Committee's action elicited a strong protest from an important black Congressional leader, Rep Louis Stokes (Democrat, Ohio) that the AJC action was "racist" and ignored the necessity of guaranteeing equality to poor and disadvantaged minorities.

Organ is integral part of synagogue worship

By SHELDON F. MEREL

TORONTO -

The use of the organ and musical instruments as a part of Jewish worship, while seemingly an innovation, is really as old as Judaism!

The Bible and Talmud refers to numerous instruments and actually describes when they were used as part of the Temple worship in ancient Jerusalem.

While instruments were primarily an accompaniment for the singing of the chorus of Levites, they were an indispensable element of every service. Whether a form of organ was actually used in Temple worship is still a point of debate among musicologists, but the Talmud does describe a forerunner of the modern organ in existence during the time of the Temple. It was called a "Magrephah" and had " . . . 10 holes, each of which produced 10 different kinds of sounds with the result amounting to 100 kinds of sounds."

After hundreds of years of glorious music in Jerusalem, the orchestral music grinded to an abrupt silence when the Second Temple was destroyed by Titus in 70 of the Common Era. Instrumental music was then forbidden in the synagogue as a sign of mourning. Our marvellous instrumental heritage was stopped - buried alive in ashes that have since scattered to the winds.

It was primarily the Reform movement that attempted to revive this great musical tradition and breathe new life into it. They reintroduced the organ into synagogue worship. The organ, no longer a primitive "Magrephah", but now a highly developed instrument which could produce the sounds of many different instruments. Indeed, it could imitate an entire orchestra. Echoes of the great Temple of Jerusalem could now be heard. The combination of voices and instruments that had thrilled our forefathers 2000 years ago had been brought back to life.

If anyone should ask you if the organ is appropriate for Jewish worship, you can answer with considerable historic validity that, "Organ music in the synagogue is as Jewish as the Temple services in ancient Jerusalem."

Cantor Merel

ask the rabbi

Would walk on Sabbath break law?

1. Would going for a walk on Friday after the evening meal be a breach of the Sabbath laws or in any way disrespectful?

RESPONSE:

On the verse "And thou shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways" (Isaiah 58, 13) the Talmud (Sabbath 113a) comments: "Thy walking on the Sabbath shall not be like thy walking on weekdays", i.e. it should be more restful and relaxed. Thus one should not run or take rapid strides on the Sabbath unless it is in order to carry a mitzva (Berachot 6b). However, the reason if for the sake of "Sabbath delight" from which it follows that running for any pleasureable purposes is permitted. Thus the Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chayim 301, 2 rules that youths who enjoy running may do so on the Sabbath, and it is permitted to run in order to see delightful things.

In the same section the Shulchan Aruch remarks that it is permitted to go for a walk on the Sabbath. For many Jews the Sabbath walk has become an institution. In all this there is not the slightest suggestion anywhere that a distinction is to be made between Sabbath during the day and Friday night. It was not usual in Talmudic times for people to go out on Friday nights but there is certainly no prohibition. On the verse ("Then I will give you rain in its season") (Leviticus 25, 4) there is a rabbinic comment (Sifra to the verse, Taanit 23a) that God will give rain on Friday nights when people will not get wet because they are then safe and snug in their homes.

Israel permits Arab papers to air views

By ATALLAH MANSOUR

JERUSALEM -

Arab readers in Nazareth and Jerusalem can hardly complain any more about a lack of newspapers in their national language. Up until the Six Day War there was only one Arabic daily paper in Nazareth; today there are three. The number of weeklies produced in the country has increased from two to four and several others are imported from Lebanon and Egypt.

The change has not merely been in quantity: though the pre-June '67 press represented a fairly wide spectrum of political opinion today the range is far wider **Al Itihad** (Unity) is still the organ of the New Communist List's (Rakah). **Al Mirsad** (The Guardian) is the organ - in Arabic - of Mapam.

The only government subsidized daily **Al Yom** (Today), produced in Tel Aviv was closed down and replaced by a new daily **Al Anba** (The News), produced in Jerusalem. The new paper, however, failed to satisfy readers from the West Bank and Gaza, so a new demand was created.

Mahmound Abu El Zalaf, one of the publishers of the ex-Jordanian daily **Al Jihad** (The Holy War) applied for a permit to produce an Israeli paper **Al Kuds** (Jerusalem) which was granted early in 1969. His venture proved successful. **Al Kuds** has attracted the readers of the West Bank by a pro-Palestinian affiliation mild enough to offend no one. For some time, particularly in the summer of 1970, the editorial line was anti-Jordan but on the whole **Al Kuds** has proved to be a successful attempt to walk the tight rope of Israeli-Arab relations.

Moreover, the fact that it is not openly backed by any particular group has given it considerable scope for advertisers. **Al Kuds** publishes Israeli advertisements, some of them government and municipal, as well as Jordanian ones besides a steady flow of West Bank private advertisements. One of the editor's Jordanian clients is the Arab Bank, probably the largest private financial enterprise in the Arab world.

Another new daily has appeared in the last two months. Run by Mahmoud Yaesh, ex-partner of Zbu el Zalaf of **Aljihad** it has gained widespread popular support by a strong anti-Israeli line and approval of the Palestinian Fedayeen groups. The paper, **Ash Shaab** (The People) offers an editorial content with a lavish sprinkling of superstition.

The fact that such a number of Arab papers exist proves how tolerant Israel is in its attitude towards the freedom of the press. Yet these papers, though often anti-Israel are far more conspicuously and consistently anti-Hashemite. It is significant that no subject of King Hussein has attempted to start a paper which would counteract the prevailing trends.

Opinion

Gaza mayor dismissed for failing to assist refugees

By ROYSTON ALLEN
(From our Tel Aviv Bureau)

GAZA –

The mayor of this teeming, dusty city was fired from his job by the Israeli military government for refusing to provide basic sewerage and sanitation services to the nearby Shati refugee camp. Almost immediately, the 11-member council resigned in sympathy with the mayor Rashid a-Shawa, a wealthy citrus grower, and the military command appointed an Israeli official to run the city as an interim measure.

Israel's military government had ordered the council to provide municipal services to the Shati camp where 39,000 Palestinian refugees eke out an existance between United Nations Work and Rehabilitation Agency (UNWRA) handouts and work in the Strip and in Israel proper. (Their lot has bettered considerably since the Israeli government moved in after the Six Day War, but is still barely above basic human needs).

This is the Shati refugee camp which the Israel military government decided to incorporate within the Gaza municipal units. The mayor of Gaza was removed from his post when the Gaza municipal council voted not to supply services to the camp. (Israel Sun)

Gaza's council refused point blank to obey the Israeli directive and the mayor admitted that his reasons were political – he wanted the camp dwellers to remain as rootless refugees "to remind the world of the Palestinian problem."

Israeli editorials were almost in complete agreement (for once) over the dismissal of A-Shawa.

The left-wing **Al Hamishmar** commented: "A-Shawa is following in the footsteps of the Egyptians, who, for many years, kept the refugees under backward conditions."

"A-Shawa's dismissal was unavoidable," said the independent daily **Ha'aretz,** "following his repeated attempts to manoeuver between the forces active in the Gaza Strip and the Arab states. He certainly overreached himself in refusing to provide municipal services to the inhabitants of the Shati camp, thereby attempting to ensure retention of their refugee status."

Israel's idea was to turn the refugees into tax-paying citizens for the first time since 1948 – for many of them born and bred in the camps, for the first time in their lives.

The refugees would have then "belonged" instead of being the poor relatives of the Gaza citizens.

A-Shawa claimed that the utilities for the camps were the sole responsibility of the UNWRA, which supplies them with a meagre amount of food weekly. In fact he apparently bore out Israel's contention that the refugees exist as such only because of the wish of Arab politicians to use them as political pawns in a human chess game.

Even the Egyptian government prior to the Six Day War realized that the camp would be better off under the auspices of a proper city hall and on Dec. 15, 1966, the Egyptian military administration issued a directive to that effect but the city council ignored the order.

To date four other refugee camps in the Gaza Strip have been incorporated into townships and their inhabitants have consequently benefitted. They have not lost their refugee status in the eyes of UNWRA so they are still able to collect their weekly rations from that body.

Rashid A-Shawa is regarded by most Palestinian terrorists/guerrillas as a principal enemy since he is a strong supporter of Jordanian King Hussein.

In August this year he returned from one of his numerous trips to Amman, Jordan with 3,000 Jordanian passports to be used by Gaza students.

Since Egypt never annexed the Gaza Strip – despite appeals from the local residents to do so, preferring to keep it under military rule – the passports were much needed by students wishing to study in other Arab countries.

A-Shawa survived a terrorist attack a few months ago when a group of Arab assassins threw a grenade and opened up with pistols at him. They missed and he walked away unscratched. Many guerrilla leaders have also accused him of negotiating a separate settlement over the future of the Gaza Strip with both the Israelis and the Jordanians. He contemptuously denies the charges.

Fair deal for all

Israel to control election costs

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
(CJN Israel Correspondent)

JERUSALEM –

While election costs in many countries are soaring way out of sight, turning politics into a rich man's game, here in Israel they will shortly be coming down, thanks to public financing and supervision of party expenditure.

Under the terms of a bill now before the Knesset, each party will receive $35,000 per elected member to cover campaign expenses, making a total of $4.2 million for the 120-seat Parliament. The bill also calls for allocation of $240,000 per month, again divided on the basis of Knesset membership, to pay, at least in part, the operating costs of the various parties.

Israel's impartial and highly respected State Controller will be entitled to go over party accounts, unless the party concerned decides to forego its subsidy – a most unlikely possibility. Under the terms of this bill, parties which take public money will have to do without traditional under-the-table support from companies, though they will be permitted to accept individual contributions.

The heaviest election expense in other countries does not exist here in any case, for parties are allocated free TV and radio time on the government stations (there are no private ones). Time is divided according to Knesset representation, with new groups also allowed some exposure.

All of Israel's parties favor public financing of next year's campaign, but are sharply divided over another proposal under discussion, which would raise the minimum percentage of votes required to win seats in the Knesset. Now, under Israel's system of proportional representation, any party that wins at least one per cent of the votes sends a member to Parliament. This accounts for the fact that 15 parties and lists have Knesset representatives. Raising the minimum percentage of votes to three per cent, as the big parties now suggest, would knock out six or seven of the very small ones. The latter are naturally up in arms at this "anti-democratic measure" and have joined together – black-coated, ultra-conservative rabbis with the reddest of red Communists to fight it.

Whatever electoral system exists when voting takes place next year, there is little doubt that the new government, like all the governments since Israel's establishment in 1948, will be led by the Labor Party. The most important issue on the political horizon, therefore, concerns the successor to Mrs. Meir as leader of the Labor Party and prime minister. Mrs. Meir may still change her mind, postponing for a year or two her retirement to the Negev kibbutz of Revivim, where she plans to live next door to her daughter, her Yemenite son-in-law and her grandchildren. But even if she remains prime minister for awhile, her successor must be chosen soon.

If public opinion polls were decisive, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who enjoys over three times the popular support of his nearest rival, Deputy Prime Minister, Yigal Allon, would be an easy winner. However, Labor Party bosses have no affection for Dayan. They would really like to annoint impressive, burly Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, but, much to their dismay, he enjoys virtually no popular support. If they can't have Sapir, they would prefer almost anyone over Dayan: Allon, Eban or John Doe.

Nevertheless, Dayan is fighting hard, taking on Allon over the control of government information services, the future of the Administered Areas and every other conceivable issue. Allon, not to be outdone, is hitting back. In the course of this contest, there has been considerable below-the-belt infighting. Nasty rumors have been spread about Allon's alleged responsibility for the security snafu at Munich, and lurid tales have also been going the rounds about Dayan's flamboyant love life and "unofficial" archeological digs.

When elections brought coal to the shtiblach

By J. B. SALSBERG

The Mishna tells us that there are four different New Years annually. In this crucial year 1972, corresponding to the Hebraic calendar years 5732-5733, we who dwell on or in the confines of Bathurst Street, Metro Toronto, also had four elections. In other words it was an exciting and eventful year from every standpoint; four New Years and four elections. How lucky can we get?

As for the four New Years, you had better ask your rabbi for a fuller explanation. But as to the four elections let me assure you that the non-Jews weren't quite so lucky; at best they had three elections, some of them had only one and they are now awaiting the second. Poor non-Jews. . . .

As for us, we had the federal election – the same as everyone else. Then we had the U.S. presidential election – the same as many other Canadians and other non-Americans. But unlike any other group in this country or in the U.S.A., we, of the ancient tribe of Israel that dwells on the borders of Bathurst and Eglinton, we had the Beth Tzedec election, too. However, since the Beth Tzedec election preceded the other two, Bathurst St. denizens, like my uncle Eliezer, found our own federal campaign and the U.S. presidential one to be but pale imitations of our own Beth Tzedec campaign. "By comparison," says uncle Eliezer, "the others lacked style, fire and zest."

At any rate when this column will reach the hands of our readers all three will have been over and we shall turn our attention (at least those who will not be exhausted) to the fourth and last of this year's contests – the municipal election in Metro Toronto.

With profound apologies to our present generation of aspiring "city fathers" I will ask you, gentle reader, to follow me back some 40 or 50 years and peek at the way our fathers and grandfathers took to, and were, in turn, taken by, municipal elections of that era.

Toronto then had a population of around 400,000, the civic elections were annual affairs and took place on New Year's day. Each ward elected three aldermen, so that the third and lowest contestant managed to be elected with much less than a thousand votes.

The Jewish community of around 15,000 souls was mainly confined to the area from Gerrard to King Streets and from Yonge to University. They were newcomers and were, except for the small radical elements, shepherded politically by a small number who became the Jewish emisaries of the Tory-Orange political establishment of that day.

Most Jews were immigrants with little, if any, political background. They centred around their small, landsmanshat shtiblach that dotted the Jewish quarters. (A shtible is, literally, a small room. Men of the same European place of origin formed congregations in converted small frame cottages which we would now call store front congregations.)

The breed of civic politicians that dominated the scene were very colorful, fighting men. They all wore long, heavy overcoats with velvet collars, blue serge suits with gold chains over the vests and topped it all off with black stiff Christies. They were small-scale merchants whose horizons were rather narrow and parochial. One such colorful and (literally) fighting politician was Sam McBride. He was the hero of the Jewish expressmen and woe to anyone who dared oppose Sam in the Jewish quarters.

In those days the automobile had not yet ousted all older forms of transportation. Hundreds of expressmen operated from municipally licenced express stands and anyone who needed an express wagon would go to one of those stands and have an expressman come to haul whatever needed transporting. It seemed that the Jewish expressmen were not welcome at the old stands and sought permission to establish one of their own. Well, McBride got it for them, on the corner of Elizabeth and Elm; in the heart of the Jewish neighborhood. Ever after the Jewish expressmen were the McBride shock-troopers at election time.

Other politicians in the ward were brought to the shtiblach at the conclusion of the Sabbath morning services. They would be introduced either outside or inside the places of worship. In most cases the candidates Jewish spokesman would announce with gusto that the "good to Jews" candidate donates a ton of coal to the congregation! That was something every member appreciated. It was as important as to be told that the candidate is a man you can go to when, heaven forbid, you are summoned to appear in court on the charge that the manure-box near your stable was either overflowing or was leaking. The manure box nightmare haunted all pedlars, expressmen, milk and bread drivers etc. etc. etc., since they all had horses.

If the candidate who was generally "good to Jews" donated a ton of coal and, in addition, also asked all congregants to remain in the place of worship for a "lechayim"; such a one was certain to get everyone's vote plus a personal good luck wish from all present.

Don't laugh: The annual civic elections brought much of the coal for the pot-bellied stoves that warmed the Shtiblach and protected against leaking manure boxes. The "lechayims" didn't hurt either since they were available during the cold Decembers. . . .

Says uncle Eliezer: "Believe me the aldermen of those days were no worse than the present day ones. You got something for your vote then; what do you get now?"

Has Vietnam war led to the end of days of glory for America?

By SOL I. LITTMAN

The war in Vietnam seems to be drawing to a close–it would be too cruel to suspect Nixon-Kissinger of shamming negotiations – and, after a million casualties, some form of peace will again descend on East Asia.

The conflict has been described as the most tragic, immoral, unnecessary and fruitless war ever fought. While it brought the United States no honor, a closer look at events during the period of the war tells us a number of surprising things about our neighbor to the south.

No country other than the U.S. has engaged in a major war in which most of its young men were under arms and at the same time permitted such widespread protests and demonstrations in opposition to that war.

It is hard to imagine that an extensive peace movement would have been permitted in the U.S. during either of the two world wars. Personal contempt and political suppresion cut the heart out of the minor peace movement that appeared in 1917 to 1918. Hitler and Pearl Harbor made any principled pacifist movement meaningless during World War II.

Beginning in 1964, following the Gulf of Tonkin incident, American participation in the Vietnam conflict was accompanied by a continuous series of civil disorders. Students on the nation's campuses began to challenge the nature and meaning of their education, leading to riotous clashes with college officials, the police, and the militia. Blacks, bitterly disappointed in American society, expressed their rage by setting the torch to their ghettoes in Harlem, Watts, Chicago and 50 other major cities.

Massive demonstrations on behalf of civil rights, against the war and poverty were staged repeatedly.

What is amazing is that the U.S. was strong enough to sustain a succession of wounds, disillusionment with the war, demoralization of troops, epidemic drug addiction, crime in the streets, growing unemployment, economic dislocation, racial conflict, urban disorder and all the rest without coming apart at the seams. In spite of all the stress, the country not only survived, but thrived. For most people, life went on, not seriously affected by the tragedy round them.

In 1967, shortly after Detroit suffered one of the most devastating riots in history, I returned to the city in which I had worked for five years. After examining the results of the riot, block after block of burned out ghetto property, I asked friends what they were doing during the time that the blacks were swarming in the streets and the police patrol cars were screaming their way from one bitter confrontation to another. "I don't know" most answered. "I went to work, came home, watched the riot on television, took the kids out for ice cream cones. It was happening, but we weren't part of it."

And so it went in most cities. Events were near yet remote.

What it really means is that the U.S. is so large, so rich, so powerful that it can absorb these severe blows without collapsing. The social structure is so complex, so diversified that there are alternative paths to every goal.

Some declare that the potential of the U.S. has been dissipated and its days of glory are in the past. Others, sensing the vitality in a nation that could sustain both a war and widespread civil unrest simultaneously, see peace as the basis of a new and greater future.

Israeli Chief of Staff David Elazar, his wife, Golda Meir and Gen. Adan, commander of armoured forces, attend performance of the Israeli armour unit at basketball stadium in Tel Aviv.

Harry Gutkin (right) chairman of the Jewish Historical Society's Museum project explains aspects of Jewish immigration to James Richardson, minister of supply and services.

Historical exhibit opens

WINNIPEG –

Journey Into Our Heritage, an exhibit containing hundreds of artifacts, more than 1,000 photographs and 600 documents, officially opened here recently at the Jewish Museum of Western Canada.

Co-sponsored by the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature and the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, the exhibit will be displayed for six months.

James Richardson, federal minister of supply and services who was a guest of honor, told more than 300 persons at the opening that "**Journey Into Our Heritage,** the title of this exhibit, should convey to us the idea that, while it deals with the contribution of the Jews to Western Canada, it is really a journey into part of the total Canadian heritage."

Harry Gutkin, chairman of the Jewish Museum project who presided at the event, explained that the exhibit traces the origins of most Jews in Eastern Europe and that it also reaches deeper into the past with artifacts from the time of the Second Temple of Jerusalem.

"In presenting the Jewish Museum exhibit, we bear witness to those who come after and who need to understand the past in order to help shape the future," he said.

Previewed at the opening were two films, produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for the exhibit.

One, **An Hour of Lifetimes,** features interviews with 12 Western Canadians while the other, **It Must Be Told,** centres on three Holocaust survivors who emigrated to Canada.

Among those present at the opening were Larry Desjardins, Manitoba minister of cultural affairs; Bernie Wolfe, Winnipeg councillor; Dr. Frank Mathewson, president of the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature; A. M. Israels, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada; Morley M. Globerman, vice chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Western Region and Rabbi S. Rappaport who delivered the invocation.

Plan to revitalize Iran education

RAMAT GAN –

A far-reaching plan to revitalize Jewish education in Iran has been proposed by Professor Josef Glanz, of the education department at Bar-Ilan University. An estimated 70,000 to 75,000 Jews live in Iran and there are worrying trends towards assimilation.

Professor Glanz spent several months in Iran on behalf of the education departments of the World Zionist Organization and his detailed report and plan follow a thorough on-the-spot investigation.

According to the report some 61,000 people emigrated to Israel since 1948, reducing the Jewish population by 40-45%. However, the interest in Israel is becoming less pronounced in aliya, and the number of those returning to Iran is growing.

Generally the economic situation of the community has improved greatly. Jews have been leaving slum quarters for new and prosperous suburbs of Persian towns, mainly Teheran. Previously limited aspiations have been forgotten, and replaced by higher social and intellectual ambitions. The number of families sending their children to universities is rising.

A wide strata of Persian Jewry is maintaining an emotional and factual link with Jewishness in a variety of ways. Synagogues are filled with worshippers on Saturdays and festivals, and there is interest in Jewish association. There is also much sympathy for Israel. At the same time the quality and consciousness of this tendency is highly problematic. This is shown by different aspects, such as the Jewish way of life is becoming ever more alienated from Halacha.

The leaning to the local society and culture is growing stronger, and with it worrying symptoms of future assimilation multiply. Many Jewish families in the rising social strata send their children to non - Jewish schools. Fifty to 60% of all Jewish children in Teheran are estimated to attend non-Jewish schools.

Deliver letter bombs

LONDON (JCNS) –

A letter-bomb was delivered to the offices of the British Technion Society, which raises funds for the Haifa Technion. Scotland Yard believes the bomb is part of a new campaign by Arab terrorists to mount a terror campaign in Britain.

The bomb is the first to beat the precautions taken by Scotland Yard's Special Branch which followed information that the letters were being sent to people and organizations mentioned in the Zionist Year Book, which is published by the Zionist Federation.

The bright orange colored envelope, 6 inches by 3 inches had a Penang (Malaysia) postmark.

UIA drive underway in Oshawa

OSHAWA –

United Israel Appeal workers began their annual fund drive here Monday with a campaign evening at the Genosha Hotel.

Simcha Genossar, special representative of Keren Hayesod, spoke on recent political developments in the Middle East and the absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel.

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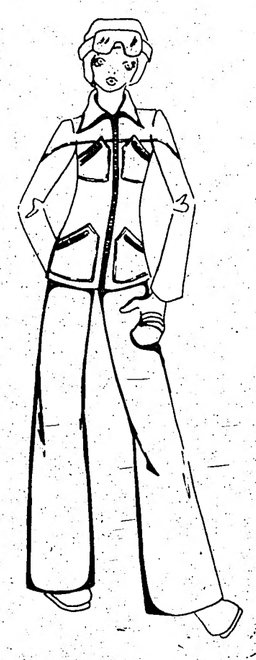
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Montreal AJCS wins coveted award for outstanding work

TORONTO –

Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal has been named a winner of a 1972 William J. Shroder Award for its creation of a "Joint Intake Committee" to expedite the placement of long-term patients in hospitals.

Shroder awards are given annually by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) in recognition of outstanding contributions by Jewish voluntary communal health and welfare organizations to local, national or international progress.

Stanley C. Myers of Miami, chairman of the award committee, will make the presentation to AJCS at the Saturday evening banquet of the CJF's 41st general assembly.

Also receiving a Shroder award will be the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged of New York for its "Mobile Home Service and Transportation Unit" designed to bring everything from housekeeping to medical services to more than 300 isolated elderly in disadvantaged neighborhoods of the Bronx.

The Montreal program was developed by AJCS' Health and Services division and comprises medical directors from local Jewish hospitals who, along with the organization's director of social planning, review all applicants for long-term placement and assign them to specific institutions.

During the program's first year, 178 persons were assessed by the committee, and, on the basis of information gathered by the committee, new programs have been and are continuing to be developed.

Also featured at the banquet will be the presentation of the first Smolar Award for excellence in American-Jewish journalism and major addresses by CJF president Max M. Fisher and Irving Blum, chairman of the board of trustees of the Institute for Jewish life.

Synagogue role

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Judiasm. But the rabbis have been remarkably unsuccessful in persuading their congregations that the synagogues also ought to take these matters seriously, he said.

"Board of trustees are notoriously hesitant in this respect," Rabbi Plaut told his audience. "They are sensitive not only to communal criticism but usually believe that any kind of intra-congregational controversy is inimical to the maintenace of sound membership budgets and affluent membership roles.

"They generally do not interfere with the rabbi's freedom of personal action, but they will often insist that the rabbi make clear to the community that he is undertaking these political activities on his own and not in the name of either the Jewish community or the congregation."

Notable exceptions in this field have been those matters in which the Jewish community is generally united; support for Israel and for Soviet Jewry, the rabbi said. It was here that the unifying force of the synagogue is most prominently exhibited.

Convention workers stuff favors into gift bags included in delegation kits.

The massive job of preparing for the more than 2,000 delegates to the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds began late last week when CJF staffers from New York along with persons from the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund who worked night and day to set up facilities at the Royal York Hotel. Helping out here is Mary Anne Ryzman.

Host delegates at dinner

TORONTO –

More than 800 delegates to the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will be guests for Sabbath dinner this week in the homes of local members of the community.

Special buses will deliver the delegates to the host homes prior to the commencement of the Sabbath on Friday.

The list of hosts is as follows:

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Canadian Jews live in harmony with neighbors: Wolfson

TORONTO –

Canadian Jews live "in complete harmony" with their non-Jewish neighbors, says President Harry Wolfson of the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund.

In his welcome address to the General Assembly of Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at the Royal York, Wolfson told his largely American audience that Jews in Canada occupy some of the leading positions in the government.

He explained to the delegates "the atmosphere isn't as unruffled as it usually is because Canadians have voted in favor of minority government and this will cause some confusion in our country for the next few months.

"But no need to worry. Our young people will not take to the streets nor will there be rumbling and riots while we straighten out our governmental problems. Our politicians may developed frazzled nerves, but the people of Canada will take all this in their stride – as we have before on several occasions."

Wolfson told the delegates Canada is a tolerant country, with dozens of nationalities and many religions flourishing – "all Canadians, but each in our way, free to enjoy our own special cultural heritage."

No matter what party is in power in Canada, Jews can be certain that good relations with Israel will continue for a long time, he said.

Wolfson stressed that Canadians share the same basic concerns for the future of Jewish life on this continent and "we worry, as you do, about the problems of our aged and our poor. When it comes to problems of mutual concern, the border line between our two countries is merely a line on the map."

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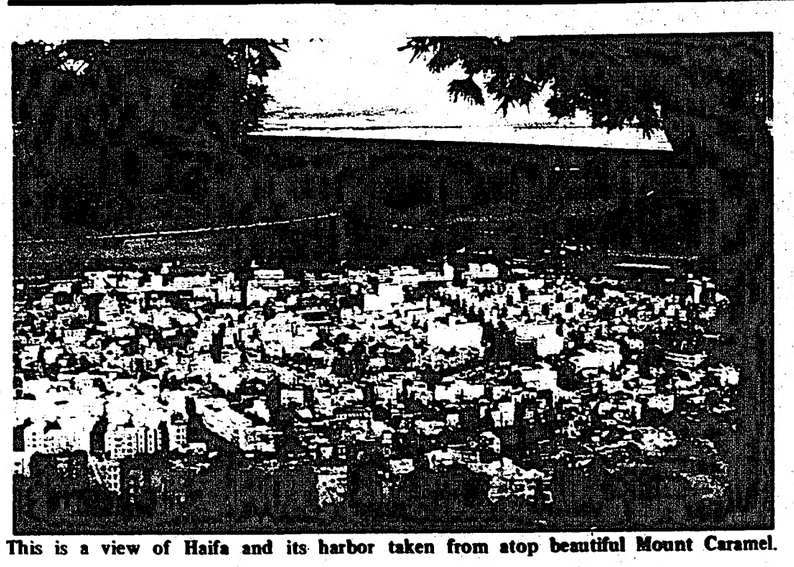

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There are other tours to Masada and Eilat, Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights. Aircraft are also available on hourly basis for charter flights over Israel. Tours operate seven days a week and the price includes entrance fees and en-route meals.

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Tips on Israeli telephone

While the telephone services have increased and most Israelis receive their telephones after relatively a short period of waiting there are still many who do not have telephones. So do not try to look for your relatives and friends in the telephone book as the mere fact that they are not listed does not mean that they are not there. Simply - they do not have a telephone.

Telephone books are available in Israel in English. Every hotel has them, the larger ones have a copy in every room.

If you need information dial 14 (anywhere in Israel) and ask for an English speaking operator.

Some other useful numbers: Overseas calls - 18; Police - 100; First Aid - 101; Weather forecast - (03) 62 52 41.

If you wish to know the time when Sabbath and the Holy Days commence in the city you are in, you may receive this information by calling 14.

You pay in Israel for every call, even the local ones, and there is no time limit. Hotels and some shops charge you more then the regular price for the use of their equipment.

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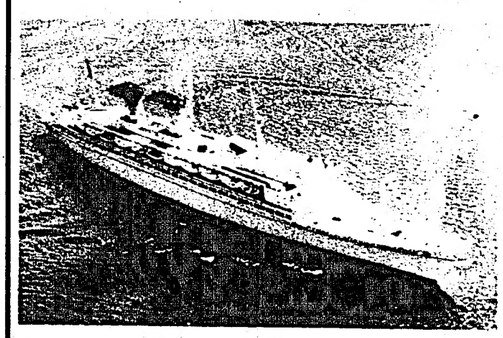
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Awareness of Toronto's 600 autistic children increases

Mrs. Corinne Gross and son, Adam, 11

By BRIAN STONEMAN

TORONTO –

In the words of Mrs. Corinne Gross, there is no doubt things are happening in the Toronto community which are of benefit to its more than 600 autistic children.

Speaking recently to **The Canadian Jewish News**, Mrs. Gross, who founded and became president of the Toronto Society for Autistic Children, said: "Autistic children were classified as emotionally disturbed children, which they are not. They are really, in a sense, psychotic children but they are not children who can not be helped."

Credit for an increased awareness of this "unique mental disorder" is largely due Mrs. Gross and the society she formed at the beginning of this year.

In lay terms, autistic children have been described as "lacking meaningful speech, having amazing feats of memory, being robot-like in their insistence on sameness, living in a world apart from others, being unusually beautiful and graceful and often making bizarre gestures and grimaces."

These children, stressed Mrs. Gross, "often benefit dramatically from special education suited to their needs" and like other parents of autistic children, she felt her son Adam, who is 11, "had as much right to, not only education, but to care as any normal child, which they weren't getting."

The intention of the society was to be a parent's action group which promoted:

- Awareness of the problem (four or five out of every 10,000 children born are autistic but Mrs. Gross keeps running into the response, "Oh, you mean artistic children.").

- More facilities and services for the children ("Residential facilities that exist are almost nil. Parents are told to send their children to places like Orillia where it really is custodial care which in this day and age is archaic.").

- Research of autism ("No bio-chemical research is being done into the problem in Canada").

- Co - operation between parents and facilities.

- Co-ordination of facilities ("One hand never knew what the other was doing.").

- Continuity where the child is concerned.

One example of their success, Mrs. Gross said, is the acceptance by some schools for the retarded of autistic children with the "premise they know what our children are and that they need certain attention. Previously, the children could only be accepted as retarded. The word autistic did not, up to now, even appear in the special education curriculum of Toronto. They were classified as emotionally disturbed children, which they are not."

It is hoped by the society something concrete will be offered by the fall of '73 "as was sort of indicated" in meetings with government officials such as Ontario Minister of Social Development Robert Welch, who was very "sympathetic and interested."

A more immediate concern of the society, however, is the formation of a volunteer group and the campaign to enroll young parents of autistic children "who may be loath to join thinking 'well, my child will grow out of it.'" At present there are 100 paid members ($5 per year) and "a lot more unpaid ones who also receive our mail."

When the society gets its provincial charter at the beginning of '73 and is allowed to give tax receipts for donations and consequently is no longer hand tied about fund raising, then it can be expected that the real weight of the organization will be felt. Anyone who would like to become a member of the society or its volunteer group should contact the society at 34 Glen Cedar Road in Toronto or telephone 782-9967.

Led by Chartrand

Quebec-Palestine group

MONTREAL –

According to a press communique released here, an organization called the Quebec-Palestine Association, aimed in part to "combat Zionism", will be established at a general assembly scheduled for November 15.

The communique said the association is formed by a number of Quebec syndical movements, many of whom formed part of a delegation which visited refugee and guerilla camps in Lebanon and Syria five months ago under the leadership of union head Michel Chartrand.

Chartrand, who is the leader of the Montreal council of the Confederation of National Trade Unions, was interviewed by **The Canadian Jewish News** when he returned in late August.

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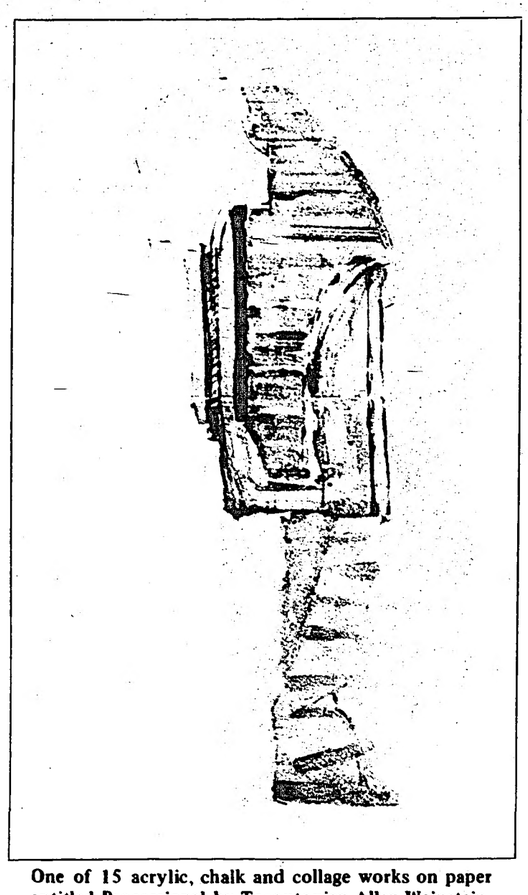

One of 15 acrylic, chalk and collage works on paper entitled Processional by Torontonian Allan Weinstein.

Weinstein exhibit

Artist shows variety of skills

By MAX MANN

TORONTO –

A mysterious procession of grotesque figures, peering out of helmet-like hoods through guarded eyes are assembled on the display walls of Holy Blossom Temple.

In a mixed exhibit of sketches, intaglios, engravings and collages, Alan Weinstein, Toronto artist, demonstrates a variety of skills.

The engravings are done with facility, sweep and energy. The images in a series of variations termed **Head** are dramatic and reminiscent of Goya's feverish monsters.

Weinstein's intaglios, such as **Song**, are brooding social commentaries. **Witness** and **Conquistador** in forceful crimson, orange and black are near abstracts, the hooded face peering out of a narrow slit offering the only recognizable figure.

Throughout the series of work created in 1970, Weinstein utilizes the same curious device, that of a face, gazing out suspiciously at the viewer from a small square aperture, a welders mask, or a medieval hood reminiscent of a Spanish auto de fe.

The child drawings sustain the same theme. Weinstein provides us with a series of charming infant monsters. They are not yet masked, but their eyes already betray the same baleful non-committal look.

The artist has a strong, vivid color sense. He moves from the deep sombre blues, purples and blacks he employed in 1968 and 1970 to a lighter, paler palette of his **Processional** series in 1972. The technique also changes from intaglio to a combination of collage, acrylic and chalk. The work is increasingly abstract as he disassembles and recreates his figures. Again, there is a reminiscent quality, this time recalling Egyptian tomb paintings.

On the whole it is a surprisingly powerful show, strong in technique, haunting in mood, original in theme and much better than the more fashionable shows mounted in the city's other galleries this week.

There are a number of excellent shows coming up this week. They include:

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John Kasyn's representation of old houses in Toronto's central core.

Sparkling acting by versatile cast highlights satisfying evening of theatre at Royal Alex

By SZMUEL POLANDER

Voyage Around My Father, currently at the Royal Alexander Theatre, deals with a man's memories of his father.

The setting is public-school English; the time is before, during and after World War II.

In a land where children are sent away to school, they seldom come to terms with their parents. They continue to see them as remote figures, larger than life, powerful and somewhat terrifying. It takes a lot of humor to subdue the fears which these godlike persons evoke in childhood. Where children remain home, familiarity helps to breed a reasonable degree of contempt and parents are cut down to size.

By adolescence, the powerful father figure has shrunk and is regarded at best as "O.K."

It is on these psychological peculiarities that **Voyage Around My Father** is based. Sir Michael Redgrave, in the lead role as the father, plays an English barrister blinded by an accident in the garden while pruning fruit trees. In spite of his blindness he continues to practice successfully and no one dares to mention his handicap. He is an imposing man, bad tempered, shy, hostile to visitors, obsessed with his garden and full of more aphorisms than Polonius.

His advice to his son – to whom he refers only as "the boy" – is peculiarly contemporary. He urges him to avoid the heroic, insists that "sex is vastly overrated" and persuades him to practise law, because one can make a living and "have some fun at it."

Weaving in and out the voyage en route are a series of doty characters. They include windbag headmasters, shell-shocked teachers, peculiar ladies called "Bill" who run bookshops and eccentric film makers. All of them are caricatures excerpted from a grimmer reality.

Michael Redgrave

Throughout the play, Redgrave's blind barrister dominates the scene. There is great power in the performance, part of it coming from the sting of the lines but much of it due to Redgrave's sheer presence.

There is however a peculiar dissonance that separates Redgrave's performance from that of the rest of the cast. There is first a matter of pace. Redgrave imposes a deliberate pace on his performance which has the effect of slowing down the show. All the other characters maintain a fast, skittering dialogue that seems out of sync with the rhythm established by the leading character.

The second peculiarity is one of direction or interpretation. Almost all the other characters are played lightly, almost for the laughs. Redgrave plays his with great intensity and great seriousness. Although this gives depth to the role its effect is to isolate Redgrave on stage.

Voyage Around My Father offers a satisfying evening of theatre. There is a fine performance by a renowned actor, flawless cameos by a marvellously versatile cast and a play that contains great humor. And best of all, much to talk about at coffee after the show.

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From The Arab World

President Jaafar Numeiri of the Sudan has said that a few months before the expulsion of Soviet military advisers from Egypt, President Anwar Sadat told him that he was on the way to an understanding with the Americans, and that he had accepted a U.S. offer of $100 million to be used in clearing the Suez Canal.

General Numeiri made the statement in an interview with Fuad Mattar, a staffer at Beirut's daily **Al Nahar**. Mattar had set out to probe the causes of the current Sudanese - Egyptian crisis. He reported that President Numeiri outlined to him his views as to how the crisis could be cleared. Mattar took this view to Egyptian responsible sources "close to Sadat" who were not, according to the reporter, favorably responsive to the Sudanese viewpoint.

Mattar quoted Numeiri as accusing Egypt of making unfounded accusations against the Sudanese regime, and attributed the strain with Cairo to what he described as lack of confidence. He charged that President Sadat always tried deliberately to keep the Sudan away from Libya, and blamed him for not consulting Numeiri in advance on steps and decisions the Egyptian leadership had taken, despite the fact that the nature of Sudanese - Egyptian relations had required such consultations.

Sudanese - Egyptian relations have been deteriorating fast since Numeiri had decided to keep his country out of the Federation of Arab Republics comprising Egypt, Libya and Syria. A psychological warfare between Khartoum and Cairo developed when the Egyptian press a few months ago criticized the Sudanese Government over its decision to resume diplomatic relations with Washington. The situation grew from bad to worse after Numeiri closed down two Egyptian state-controlled companies in Khartoum, and decided to withdraw part of the Sudanese troops stationed in the Suez Canal front.

The Egyptian government retaliated by asking Khartoum to withdraw the rest of the troops from the Canal, and by closing down the Egyptian military academy at Jabal Al Awliya' outside the Sudanese capital. President Sadat later issued an order giving the grounds and the building of the academy to the Sudanese forces.

But Sadat could hardly be blamed for the recent Sudanese - Libyan crisis which developed after Numeiri refused to allow Libyan planes carrying troops and weapons to overfly Sudanese territory. Libya's Col. Moammar Qadhafi had in fact tried to maintain a working relationship with Numeiri despite the deterioration in Egyptian - Sudanese relations. Qadhafi's efforts appeared to have been undermined following the incident of the planes.

(Numeiri's statement that Sadat had accepted a U.S. offer for help in clearing the Suez Canal, which had been closed since the 1967 war, may be meant to show that Sudan was not alone co-operating with and accepting assistance from Washington. The importance of the statement is in the fact that it tried to link the reported U.S. offer of aid to Sadat's decision of removing the Soviet advisers from Egypt. In wake of the Sadat decision last July, the Cairo media went out of their way to deny speculations that the anti-Soviet move was meant to win further support from the U.S. for a Middle East settlement, and for a partial solution involving the reopening of the Suez Canal.

Young Londoners spark hospital radio station

By BRAM CADSBY
(Special to The CJN)

LONDON -

An enthusiastic group of young people crowd into a small room in the basement of one of the most modern hospitals in Europe.

A hand is carefully raised from behind a sound-proof screen, with a finger pointing squarely at the technical director. As it is suddenly lowered, he pushes a button, cues up a record, gestures successfully, and once again Radio Northwick Park is on the air.

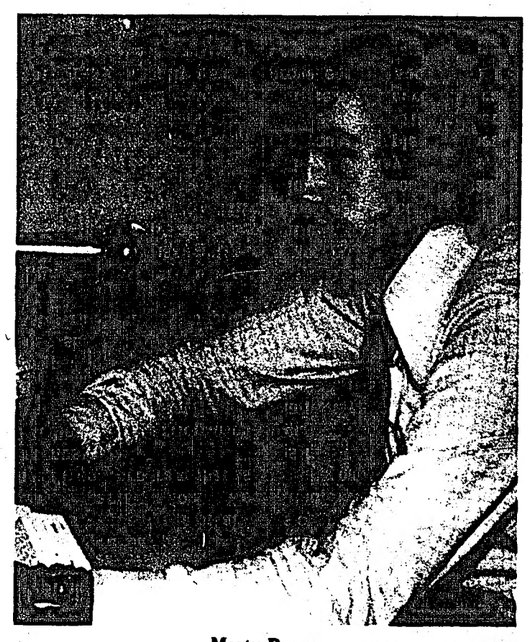
It's been almost a year and a half since the station started broadcasting. During the week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, it broadcasts from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Sunday afternoons, an additional transmission is made.

"For every half-hour on the air, roughly two hours have been put into program planning, script preparation, and studio rehearsals," explained Marty Rose, the station manager. "All programs are planned at least six weeks in advance."

Len Elman, the project's group leader, went into more detail about the station's operations.

"When we learned that Northwick Park Hospital was being built," he said, "our group, which is associated with the Jewish Youth Voluntary Service, applied to organize and operate a radio station."

Two other groups made similar proposals. But the JVVS group was ultimately chosen on the basis of their unique emphasis on patient-participation.



Marty Rose

"Unlike some other stations," said Elman, "every program we put on the air involves some form of audience participation. We haven't one program that is just music."

Audience participation means many things at Northwick Park - from interviews with patients and music request shows, to the recent, jointly-run, inter-hospital quiz.

But, perhaps more important than any of these activities, is the group's attempt, in Elman's words, "to visit every patient every time we broadcast."

Besides providing a service for the patients, the the JYVS station, which is probably technically superior, or at least equal, to many commercial outlets in Canada, provides valuable training to those involved in its operation.

Radio Northwick Park is not the only hospital broadcasting system in Britain though, according to the admittedly biased opinion of its staff, it's quite definitely the best.

Since the first station, Radio Edgware, went on the air in the early '60s, the idea has caught on and, supported by charitable organizations, has been developed throughout the country.

In Britain, hospital radio is here to stay. Perhaps, if our young people are energetic enough and their elders sufficiently generous, it can prove equally successful in Canada.

$100 million allocated to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) -

Congress passed a $3.65 billion foreign aid bill that contains $50 million for use by the State Department in helping resettle Soviet emigrants - mostly Jews going to Israel - and a $50 million grant in economic supportive assistance to Israel.

The measure cleared the House by a 188-80 vote and was adopted by voice vote in the Senate. It now goes to President Nixon for his signature, which is considered certain.

The Foreign Aid bill also contains a $400 million authorization for overall military purchase credits. While the recipient countries are not specified, testimony by gress and the authorization legislation already adopted by both houses indicated that the intent of Congress and the administration is to provide Israel with $300 million in credits for military purchases.

Israel will also share - though to what extent is unknown - in a $25.5 million allocation for U.S. hospitals, schools and other institutions in foreign countries.

In connection with the $50 million allocation for the resettlement of Soviet refugees, State Department sources told the JTA that 24,000 Jews emigrated from Russia during the first nine months of this year. The sources said the total in Sept. was 3,000 - 800 more than during August.

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Louis Lockshin (right), co-chairman of the Finch Avenue Education Centre, helps Samuel A. Kurtz put up mezuza at dedication of centre last week. Kurtz was honored for 50 years of service to Jewish education. (HOZ)

Finch Centre dedicated

Associated honors Samuel Kurtz

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO –

Formal dedication of the Finch Avenue Education Centre, latest addition to the expanding Associated Hebrew Schools, was a two-pronged affair. The occasion also served as an opportunity to honor Samuel A. Kurtz for his half-century of service to Associated and to Jewish education in Toronto.

Facilities of the new building designed by architect Irving Boigon, are already operating at full capacity with rooms designated for art and music doubling as classrooms.

Kurtz, whose active interest in Jewish education began in 1919 was awarded a lifetime membership on the board and executive by past president Wilfred Gordon.

Prior to the dinner Louis Lockshin and John Daniels, building committee co-chairmen, laid the cornerstone of the new building.

Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg of Beth Sholom made the benediction, with Rabbi Henry Hoschander, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim, presiding over the formal dedication.

Jewish education is an act of faith, hope and trust, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom, guest speaker of the evening, told the audience.

"Will it make good Jews? Will the graduates be more ethical, more concerned, more giving? We don't know," the rabbi said.

"The sacrifices of so many in the community must be made for greater aims. A man who has the opportunity to learn and does not is going against Jewish tradition.

"We must do it," Rabbi Plaut went on, "because it is the Jewish way. Being a Jew is an act of faith."

Chairman Satok reaffirms Congress stand against payment of Soviet Jewry head tax

TORONTO –

At a recent meeting of the steering committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region, guidelines for fund raising for Soviet Jews were drawn up for the community in general.

During the discussion, David Satok, chairman of Central Region of Congress, strongly reiterated the official position of world Jewry that "ransom for Jewish lives must not be paid" and that the Soviet Union must rescind its "evil head tax on the educated Russian Jew."

The committee agreed on the extent of community fund raising for Soviet Jews as follows:

-To make no general appeal for funds;

-To collect monies only during those months when the United Jewish Appeal and United Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto are not campaigning;

-To accept no treasury gifts;

-To seek contributions only from those who have fulfilled their pledges to the UJA;

-To mark all receipts given by the Committee and all who work with it as "not deductible for income tax purposes."

Funds collected are to be used to sustain families of activist prisoners in Russia, those applicants for exit visas who have lost their jobs, parcels and telephone calls to the USSR and other vital activities.

CFTO airs Jewish program

By RICK KARDONNE

The rise of specifically ethnic TV programming in both the United States and Canada is a very encouraging development.

The source of this reversal of the outdated "melting pot" concept was, of course, the Black cultural revival which began in the mid-sixties. Although it initially shocked many Jews and other members of ethnic groups who had at that time desired to melt into true-blue Americans and Canadians, its overall effects have been very worthwhile, from the Jewish standpoint.

The turbulent North American society of the mid-sixties tore away the veneer of the "liberal pluralistic melting pot" and brought to the surface many latent bigotries. Prior to the Black cultural revival, many Jews were afraid to assert themselves as Jews lest they endanger what they believed to be their own hard-fought-for and precarious position in North American society. But when they saw the Blacks – a group to which most Jews have been in some proximity – disregard the "melting pot", then defy it and create a vibrant authentic alternative, many young Jews began to think in terms of doing their own thing as well.

Today, there exists Black theatre, Black cinema and Black TV programming on a high intellectual level. The program to which I specifically refer is entitled **Soul**, which is a nationally-syndicated TV digest-magazine-format show of news, views and cultural presentations from the American Black community. Since American Black society is by no means politically or ideologically monolithic, **Soul** features exciting discussion programs between prominent exponents of differing opinions. Many Black jazz artists, musicians, and writers who never could get exposure on the mainstream network outlets are featured on **Soul** and have thus been given a vehicle through which they can attain stardom. Every week on **Soul**, a panel of experts discuss the Black interest in a given controversy, such as drugs, urban decay, or education, and then answer questions from a live audience.

Is there a Jewish equivalent of **Soul**? Right now, not really.

However, Toronto is being presented with the unique opportunity to see a TV Jewish program which will equal **Soul** in ambition and quality. The proposed program is entitled **Video Aleph**, and the channel is none other than CFTO-TV, which is the biggest single TV station in all of North America (total audience four million). Like **Soul**, **Video Aleph** is meant to be an exciting magazine format show that will feature such diverse aspects as Canadian Jewish history, Israeli life, Jewish entertainers, and stimulating discussions concerning the Canadian Jewish community.

Mrs. Zweig to receive Humanitarian award

TORONTO –

The rarely - bestowed Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award will be presented to Mrs. Morris Zweig, Toronto's foremost volunteer leader in the Israel Bond Campaign effort on the occasion of the Israel Fashion Festival Luncheon Nov. 23 at the New Murray House.

Mrs. Morris Zweig

Mrs. Zweig has served in every level of leadership for bonds, from bond chairman of her Hadassah chapter in the early days, to her present position as official honorary chairman of the women's division, and "unofficial" mentor and guide to the executive members who have succeeded her through the years.

The award was created in co-operation with the Roosevelt family some years ago, to commemorate the extremely close ties Mrs. Roosevelt had with Israel. Previous recipients of the award have included U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Leonard Bernstein, Sol Hurok, James Michener, Edward G. Robinson and Danny Kaye. The award has been presented twice before in Toronto, to Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks, and to Mrs. Mark A. Levy.

Americans: A mobile people

book review

A NATION OF STRANGERS
by Vance Packard

By BERNARD BASKIN

The United States is a land in motion where multitudes are constantly packing and unpacking. The average American moves about 14 times in his lifetime; 40 million Americans move every year. In addition, three and a half million military personnel are constantly being shifted from one to another of a host of bases around the world. When one includes perigrinating college students; migratory workers in pursuit of harvests; corporation executives advancing in their careers from suburb to suburb, the dislocation, uprooting and fragmentation of community living is incalcuable.

Vance Packard, social commentator par excellence, who has already made us anxious about such evils as proliferating waste and hidden persuaders, now turns his attention to the alienation, loneliness and widespread disquietude that results from the passing of the stable family and the anchorage of the traditional and familiar.

How is one to sink roots and find a place in a congenial community if he becomes a "don't care" transient, destined to move on? Can we know our neighbors if we are working on a different shift? Can we welcome children if they are nuisances who keep us awake or hinder our mobility? Moving companies are happy – they earned about a billion dollars last year in transporting the possessions of the uprooted. But people can't take it. They become emotionally ill, lapse into infidelity and hedonism, and in their desperation turn to such aids as Alcoholics Anonymous, Dial-A-Prayer and Care-Ring. At least these are groups that will listen.

When we become nomads, says Packard, we give up the joy of service and volunteer work, we contribute to the growth in urban crime and we tend to lose our moral values. It is noteworthy that in the 1948 presidential election 48 million qualified voters didn't even bother to go to the polls.

Everywhere society is conspiring to shut us out: high-rise apartments that lead to jungles of violence; new super highways that bisect areas that once shared a common interest and a feeling of unity, suburbs that more and more become enclaves of privilege from which the hired help retire as evening falls.

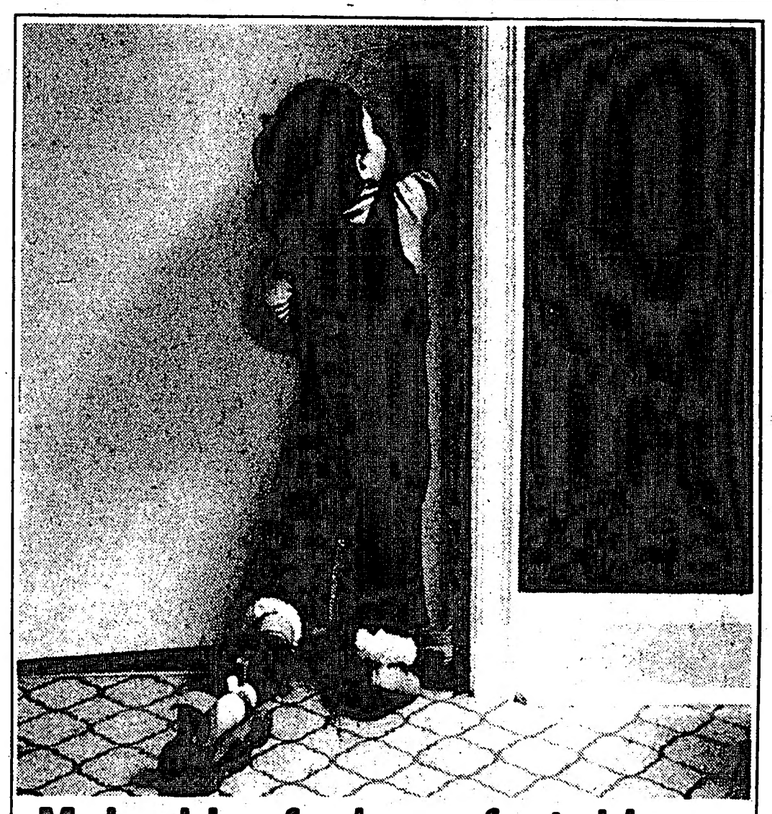
Bernard Baskin

In a world of bewildering change, the buffeted individual clutches at the known and the established only to see the pillars crumble, the ground shift under his feet and the old gods pass.

The many-sided and tragic problem is more easily raised than answered. Packard makes a stab at such suggestions for improvement as decent housing for all levels of the population, colleges built close to where people live and more enlightened personnel policies in corporations.

As always, the author is immensely readable, keeps jargon to a minimum and presents the findings of his exhaustive research with a light and sure touch.

What good is technological progress if it must be achieved at the cost of the natural human community? What good is moving from place to place if we have to drag our old unredeemed and unenlightened personalities along?



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From left, George Truss at Fluther, Mavis Hayman as Mrs. Gogan and Morna Wales as Bessie Burgess in The Plough and the Stars, now playing at the Firehall Theatre.

Firehall Theatre opened

'A new barn cannot stimulate creative juices of sacred cow'

theatre review

By FRANK MICHAEL

"We just built the barn and the cow died."

Transposed into the ponderous language of modern criticism, this old country adage might well read: With institutionalization comes ossification. Rustic or refined, either version epitomizes the predicament of the University Alumnae Dramatic Club.

For the Alumnae Club, long the mainstay of English language amateur theatre in Toronto, 50 years of makeshift meandering, including a brief spell in the old synagogue on Cecil Street, have culminated in the acquisition of the Firehall Theatre.

Handsomely refurbished and fashionably situated on culturally - booming Berkeley Street, the Firehall Theatre is a fitting tribute to the persistence and foresight of the women who cultivated the classics, Canadian repertoires, and the best of the avant-garde throughout the long years of Canadian cultural quiescence.

Ironically, with the Alumnae Club at the pinnacle of its prestige, the group's first production calls into question its whole raison d'etre and raises the morbid spectre of a theatrical relic as quaint, ossified, and anachronistic as the 19th century firehall in which it is housed.

The Plough and the Stars, Sean O'Casey's classic, loving indictment of deceptive ideals, mock heroics and blind nationalism among his people during the 1916 Irish rebellion, triggered a riot at its premiere in Dublin's Abbey Theatre. This masterpiece of the Irish theatre could not raise a ripple in the Alumnae Club's unsuccessful revival of the play.

At the Firehall Theatre, O'Casey's brash, brawling drama bellows for release from the prissy confines of a flimsy, pastel-colored set. A passionate poet's tour de force languishes for want of control. A fleshy, collection of lumpen types, shuffle in the cardboard abstraction of a genteel costume party.

A play which drew first breath from the freshness of Irish amateurism suffocates in the stuffy atmosphere of drawing-room pretension at its most oppressive in the Alumnae Club's production.

The simple truth is that the Alumnae Club cannot successfully compete for competent actors and directors with Toronto's increasing number of professional and semi-professional companies. The standard classics of modern drama are no longer its artistic preserve. To avoid the ossification of an aging social clique, the Alumnae Club must revert to the role of pioneer and exercise its pronounced, finely - developed literary bent in presentation of the untried, the experimental, the controversial, and the undeservedly-obscure.

By itself, a new barn cannot stimulate the creative juices of a sacred cow.

Boris Brott

Conductor from Montreal changes Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON –

In 1969 a young Jew from Montreal came to Hamilton – and Hamilton has never been quite the same since.

He was only 25 when he took over as musical director and conductor of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and had already made a name for himself on both sides of the Atlantic.

The name, of course, is Boris Brott.

And in Hamilton, the name of Boris Brott has become a household word.

There is music everywhere in and around Hamilton. Regular philharmonic concerts apart, there is the candlelight and wine series, chamber ensembles, the annual concert for public school children throughout the area, talks and concerts in schools and libraries, as well as appearances on CHCH TV. Enthusiastic and tireless, young Brott has stirred up an unparalleled interest in music and Hamilton is rapidly becoming one of the most musically active centres in Canada.

The son of composer-conductor-violinist Alexander Brott and cellist Lotte Brott, he was one of those prodigies who gave his first performance, as a violinist with the Montreal Symphony at the age of five. At 19, he became assistant conductor of the Toronto Symphony and a year later principal conductor of the Northern Sinfonia, Britain's only permanent chamber orchestra. After winning the Gold Medal in the Dimitri Mitropoulos Conductors Competition in 1968, he was appointed assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein.

Dividing his time between Lakehead University, where he was music director and conductor of the Lakehead Symphony since 1967, and Hamilton, he also managed to prepare and conduct the CBC's first series of color specials on music, as well as many other TV and radio series and specials. He will be conducting the HPO in a series of six concerts for the CBC this season.

As a Jew, Brott says, it has always interested him that Jews play such a large part in music and that so many performers are Jews. And that of all ethnic groups, by far the greatest support for music comes from Jews.

"In the days of the ancient Temple of Jerusalem, music was very much part of religious services," he said, "and although forbidden since the destruction of the Temple and the Diaspora, it is gradually finding its way back into religion, particularly in the liberal and reform movements. It is fantastic after all these thousands of years."

His involvement with the Jewish community of Hamilton is small, he admits, but whenever engagements permit – he only spends half the year here and the other half in the U.K. as the recently appointed conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra of Wales – he is available for concerts and talks to Jewish Women's groups, to the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club of Temple Anshe Sholom and his annual concert of Jewish Music at the Community Centre during Jewish Music Month.

"The funny thing is, that despite the fact that I live in a very cosmopolitan set-up, my background and leanings towards everything Jewish do play a very important part.

Boris Brott

Phone-a-gift drive pays off

(From our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL –

Ann Nadler, chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal's phone-a-gift campaign, believes that if people would work as hard as volunteers in a job, the state of our economy would be altogether different.

Although Mrs. Nadler made the statement with a grin, she does have a point, as over 1,500 women from all over greater Montreal – from small organizations and large – have come out to man the phones during the women's division phone-a-gift drive.

"Our women come in on five hour shifts, but the majority come in in the morning and stay until supper, and then they return to headquarters in the evening. For three weeks we've been running two shifts a day – and we all have families."

She said the co-operation from the island's 42 service groups and Zionist organizations has been "just fantastic", and the statistics prove her right. Over 15,000 cards have been covered – which means 15,000 phone calls.

The figures raised over last years sum has increased by 25%.

Over the last few years, it's been more difficult to reach women during the day by phone than ever before, and she attributes this to women's liberation.

"Now a volunteer has to make about 30 calls before finding someone at home, and I think about 75% of the women are either out working during the day, or active in some way."

In the end, the vast majority of women are reached and this is only because the women treat their volunteer work as a "personal challenge".

Ann Nadler, who has been involved in the annual fund raising drive for over 25 years, says her personal reward is satisfaction.

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Katchen lectures on the lessons of Holocaust

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

One of the more popular questions asked of Professor Aaron Katchen, concerning the Holocaust is, "Do you think it can happen here?" His response is, "One of the things the Holocaust should teach us is that nothing is impossible."

Professor Katchen is a visiting lecturer in Jewish history at the University of Toronto. He is completing his dissertation in Dutch Jewish history from Harvard. He is presently giving a series of five lectures at Adath Israel entitled: **The Holocaust.**

He is approaching the topic as an historian. Most of his information is derived from books, although the second lecture is based on a panel discussion of survivors of the Holocaust.

Although he did not witness the Holocaust at first hand, Professor Katchen noted that he is motivated "by a personal desire to know and then a sense to communicate, for this is what the teaching profession is all about."

In further reference to the Holocaust he noted "there is a danger in minimizing, if we don't keep telling ourselves what happened. There is a temptation to say, 'I've had enough'."

On the other hand he feels, that one cannot live by constantly saying, "It will happen again tomorrow." Yet, in terms of the immediate future, he feels one should note the situation concerning Soviet Jewry. "There is the same kind of syndrome there," he cautioned.

Professor Katchen noted that young people are highly critical of "the whole passivity complex. This is why the kids latch on to Warsaw Ghetto themes."

But he feels that a survivor could argue: "the very fact that I'm here is a testimony to my resistence."

Professor Katchen feels that the allies - for whatever were their other faults - did not fully comprehend the degree of paranoia of the German government. He noted how the German preoccupation with the Jews tied up railroads and much personnel that could have been used against the allies.

In reference to psychological problems that seem to be appearing now in Holocaust survivors, he said they may be "people who have guilt feelings because they were survivors. They ask: 'Why me? Is their a theological reason why I survived?'"

Why did the Holocaust begin in Germany? According to Professor Katchen it was "a product of conditioning which resulted from a legacy of Christian anti - Semitism as well as secular anti-Semitism. A set of circumstances in Germany, more than anything called 'a German character' caused it."

"I believe," he went on to say, "it was not inevitable and at any stage - with or without Hitler - it could have been stopped. Progressive deterioration does not imply historical inevitability."

In his series of lectures, he hopes to "get away from the constant repetition of atrocities and set the information we have on the Holocaust in proper historical context and not see atrocity as atrocity, but what led Germany do do what it did. In other words, how humanity can sink to such a low level."

An overwhelming crowd attended the 48th annual Hadassah Bazaar in Toronto, but that hardly impressed seven-months-old Jacinto Whelan. The baby managed to catch a nap while thousands hunted around for bargains. (CJN photo by Willer)

Library is success story

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

On March 14, 1914, after 14 years of painful development, the Jewish Public Library opened its doors on St. Urbain Street with a collection of 400 books, mostly assembled from the Dorshai Zion, the Poale Zion and Baron de Hirsch collections.

Some 59 years later, and with over 60,000 volumes and an equal number of non-book items, the Jewish Public Library will soon move into 20,000 square feet of space in the new Allied Jewish Community Services - Cummings House Centre.

During the last few years the JPL has become renowned in Montreal for its special collection of Judaica material which was assembled when a special endowment was given by the late Samuel Bronfman 20 years ago.

The Judaica material is in constant demand by university students attending Judaica studies classes at Sir George Williams, Universite de Montreal, and McGill.

As a result of cramped space at the Decarie Street location, competition for books has been acute. So close has the relationship developed between the three universities and the library, that the JPL stocks books requested by the professors instructing the courses.

"The library is changing its face according to the times," said Paul Trepman, executive - director of the JPL, and it is because of this ability to change within Jewish life that the library is one of the most respected institutions in Montreal."

In 1952, after 20 years of building fund campaigns, the first JPL structure was constructed on St. Urbain Street. Some years back the building was sold to the Universite de Montreal, as the Jewish community moved out of the area.

Once again the library changed its face according to the times and moved to the Snowdon district.

To meet academic needs the library has even introduced an audio-visual and microfilm department in order to photograph rare books for primary source material use.

Trepman said he has noticed a trend in Jewish life over the last several years where young people find themselves with insatiable appetites for Jewish works.

"We are supposed to be the people of the book," he added, "but in the last few decades adults are not involved in books as they ought to be."

From Lenin to Kosygin, Russians have never understood Jews

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO -

Russian leaders from Lenin to Kosygin have never understood Jews, Alan Rose said in Toronto last week.

Speaking at a Public Affairs seminar of Hadassah-Wizo, the associate executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress outlined the series of events leading up to the present militancy among young Russian Jews.

"In 1967 the Russians suffered an enormous defeat," Alan Rose stated. "Soviet intelligence miscalculated the military knowhow of the Arabs and as a result two things happened. Russian Jews reacted to Israel's victory in the same way as other Jews, and the Soviet Government stepped up its incessant anti-Zionist propaganda.

"The first Leningrad trial in 1970 was meant to browbeat the militants, but thanks to the heavy-handed staging by the Soviets, it became the Dreyfus case of our time," Rose said. "More than anything it served to draw world attention to the plight of Russia's Jews. It was remarkable. What had been a non-issue became a central one, cutting across the spectrum of international life. The Leningrad trials turned out to be a disaster for the Soviet Union."

Rose went on to say the Soviet Union is in a dilemma. Although Russia can ill afford the brain-drain, she is seeking a detente with the West and needs dollars to trade in world markets. She must be prepared to take a chance for more interchange of people and ideas if she is not to fall farther and farther behind in technology.

"The hard-line party members in the Kremlin fear granting Jews permission to leave will create problems with other minorities in the country. Jews," Rose continued, "have a vested interest in liberalization in Russia."

"Canada has done a great deal to pressure Russia over the Jewish issue," Rose stated. "It is a miracle that 53,000 Jews have been permitted to go to Israel. This was unthinkable just a few years ago."

Rabbi urges changes in charity priorities

By JUDITH LEVY

TORONTO -

"We must change our priorities vis a vis charity," says Rabbi Immanuel Shochet. "What's the point of sending funds to Israel while the community is gradually eroding?"

The rabbi, instructor of Human Studies at Humber College, suggested religious Judaism as a solution to the problem of assimilation. "It is impossible to be a Jew in the house and a mensch outside. A compete Jew is ipso facto a mensch."

Saying that "activism, even political Zionism has nothing to do with Judaism," the Lubavitcher rabbi observed that "our gangsters were just as Jewish as Einstein, Hertzl or Freud. Scientific, political or artistic achievements are purely incidental."

The rabbi spoke at a public forum on **Jewish Values in Crisis,** called by the newly formed Zionists in Action. The ZIC holds that a healthy dedicated Diaspora is essential to Israel, and seeks to draw the community to the mainstream of Jewish life and to the excitement of the Zionist call.

Urging a return to Jewish values and law, David Sadowski, director of youth services, Canadian Jewish Congress, criticized parental hypocrisy and monolithic synagogues and schools as causes of alienation and conversion. "The Hebrew Christian movement is a symptom of a much larger problem," he said.

Howie Galin, assistant director of youth activities for Beth Shalom synagogue, knocked the "crisis oriented approach of the Jewish community" as superficial. To attack the problem of conversion at the roots, "we must first examine Jewish identity and build ourselves from within: schools must be more than bar-mitzvah factories and the home must be a model."

Sod turning ceremony

TORONTO -

Plans are now under way for the building of a Betar Youth and Zionist Revisionist Centre, Beit Jabotinsky, in Toronto. The two-storey centre will be located at 788 Sheppard Avenue West.

Said Nathan Silver, national president, and Louis Shainhouse, Toronto president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, "This centre will enable our youth movement, Betar Brit Trumpledor, to increase its activities and expand its membership to involve many more Jewish youth to participate in our Zionist programs. The Jabotinsky Centre, named after Rosh Betar - founder of the Zionist Revisionist Movement, Zeev Jabotinsky, will also serve as a focal point for the activities of our movement . . . our lodges, chapters and the overall adult organization."

At 2:00 p.m. Sun. November 12, members and friends of the ZRO and Betar will gather at the site for the official sod-turning ceremony.

Sephardic resolution

OTTAWA -

A resolution calling upon the Israeli Government and Zionist institutions to alleviate "the deplorable conditions" of the underprivileged in Israel, was passed at the recent convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The preamble to the resolution, which was hotly debated, said the underprivileged come essentially from the Sephardic community.

"The widening gap between the ethnic communities of Israel threatens the unity of the Jewish people," the resolution read. It called for improving educational opportunities, particularly in border areas and development towns where the majority of residents are of Sephardic origin; to provide proper housing for those still living in slum conditions and to increase the number of day-care centres, nursery schools, youth clubs and the number of social workers.

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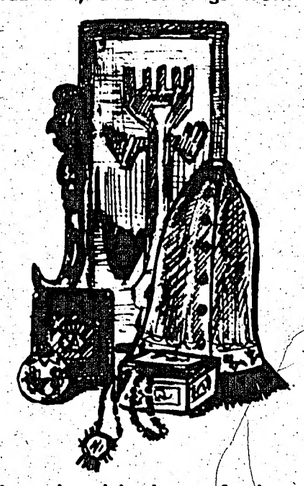

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Hebrew college students enroll at McMaster

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON -

Students of Maimonides College of Toronto will now be able to take courses at McMaster University, Hamilton, as part of a co-operative program leading to the Bachelor of Talmudic Law degree (B.T.LL. Maimonides).

Announcement of the inauguration of the joint program was announced by McMaster University this week.

Established by an Act of the Ontario Legislature in 1968, Maimonides College provides university level programs in Jewish studies but is unable to offer the courses in the arts and sciences necessary to satisfy requirements of the programs, nor the broader education, it is felt, will benefit Maimonides College students. Such courses will now be provided by McMaster University.

The Maimonides College courses in Jewish studies are given in conjunction with Ner Israel Yeshiva College and a number of its students are already enrolled in McMaster's school of adult education.

Co-operation between the two institutions dates back to 1969, when McMaster University entered into an agreement with Maimonides College to make available its undergraduate courses in areas other than Jewish studies.

The success of this program, which until now has only been on a casual basis, prompted McMaster to offer full co-operation, as well as help and guidance in the planning of academic courses.

Speaking of Maimonides College students enrolled in McMaster courses last summer, Manuel Zack, assistant to the president, said that their performance had been first rate and that the exchange was expected to bring very good results.

Maimonides students will come to McMaster as extension students in the school of adult education, as well as for courses offered during the summer. Credits earned in these courses will be transferred towards their degree programs in the same manner as credits earned by other university students taking special courses at colleges other than their own can be transferred to their home universities.

Both Rabbi N. Friedler, president of Maimonides college, and Dr. A. N. Bourns, president of McMaster University, expressed great satisfaction with the program and looked forward to a stimulating relationship of mutual benefit.

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Jesus group finds success

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

Although, as history has shown, attempts to convert Jews usually have not met with success, the present Jesus Movement is getting through to some young Jewish people.

This was the finding of a panel discussing, **Let's Talk About Jewish Youth Groups and the Jesus Movement,** to a capacity audience at the Associated Hebrew School on Bathust St.

The panelists were Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet, Kielcer Synagogue; Dr. Leo Lazar, chief of psychology, children and adolescent department, Clarke Institute; Dr. Leo Davids, associate professor of sociology, York University.

According to Rabbi Schochet, outside groups have experienced much difficulty throughout history in attempts to convert Jews. He feels there is a "definite psychological block to converting," since Jews tend to "excommunicate Jewish converts" and this in turn tends to solidify the Jewish community.

Rabbi Schochet pointed out that "there is no common ground" between Christianity and Judaism, despite what some people claim. Hitler and Nazism was the "outcome of Christianity," if not consciously, at least in indirect terms.

Rabbi Schochet said he is not using hyperbole when he states that, as a religious Jew, "spiritual murder to me is, by far, worse than physical murder."

He pointed out that since it is no longer "polite to persecute Jews and try to snatch Jewish souls," the Jesus Movement is using a modified tactic.

He summed up their approach as follows: "They argue you should not forsake Judaism. But, if you want to become 'a fulfilled Jew' become a Hebrew Christian. Make sure you are a conscious Jew, and go to synagogue, and demonstrate for Soviet Jews and Israel – but also believe in Jesus."

The rabbi said the Jesus Movement is quite active at Mackenzie High School among other places. He also claims that a coffeehouse called "The Stepping Stone" is expected to open soon in the Bathurst and Sheppard area to try to get converts "over a cup of coffee."

Dr. Lazar said that those with inner turmoils would be more susceptible to the Jesus Movement, though not necessarily those lacking intelligence. He stated that the adolescent and the young adult are more vulnerable because "their task is to begin to step out on their own."

Dr. Davis agreed with the other two panelists that it is practically impossible to reach people coming to synagogue on the High Holidays.

A one to one approach is ideal, Dr. Davids said. On this basis "a kid can assess you" as well. If he likes you, then he will buy what you are selling.

Emphasizing this personal approach, Rabbi Schochet noted how difficult it is for many Jewish young people to find someone with whom to talk. His comment, that if you approach a rabbi today, he will often tell you, "My visiting hours are from 3 to 5," brought laughter and applause from the packed audience.

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